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TRUMP BANS DEALINGS WITH OWNERS OF TIKTOK, WECHAT

Executive orders by US President Donald Trump on Friday gave Americans 45 days to stop doing business with them

45-DAY DEADLINE FOR THEIR SALE

Unless an American company acquires them, the two apps will be removed from Apple and Google app stores in the US in 45 days. Analysts say the tight deadline would open the door to a pressured sale of the apps. Microsoft reportedly expanded its talks with ByteDance on acquiring TikTok on Thursday. Trump has indicated his support for the talks

DON CITES STATEMENT BY INDIAN GOVT

- Trump alleged the apps collect users' data and pass them on to the Chinese government, which poses a national secuirty threat
- In justifying his order, the US president cited a statement by India's Ministry of Information Technology saying TikTok was "stealing and surreptitiously transmitting users' data" | P10

1 billion

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF WECHAT USERS WORLDWIDE, 3 MN IN THE U.S.

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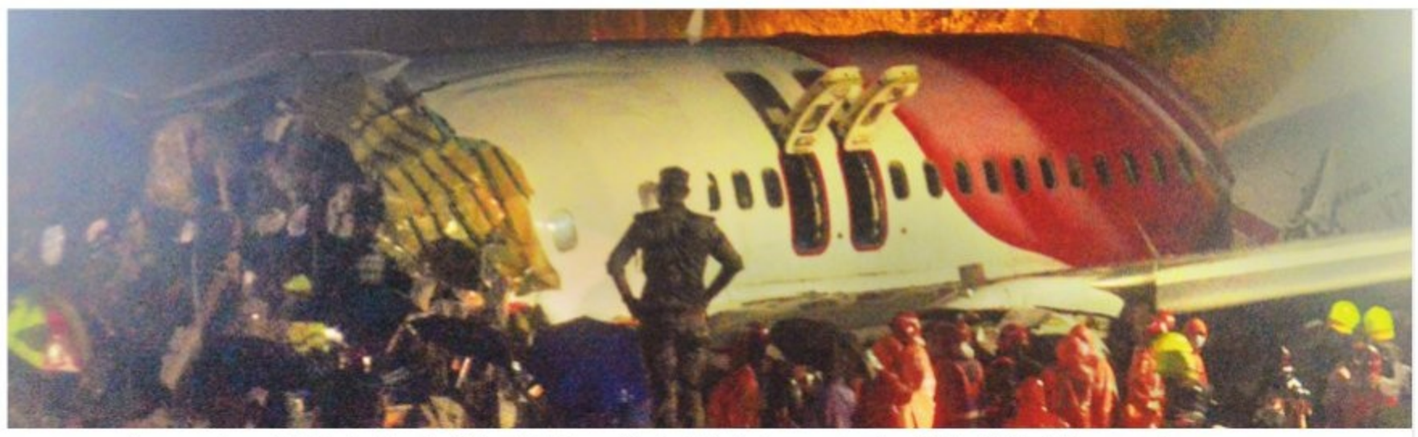
- Air India Express from Dubai carrying 190 aboard crashlands at Karipur, fuselage splits into two
- 2 pilots plus 15 passengers dead, many injured, 40 critical; passengers include 10 infants
- Prime Minister and Home Minister express grief over loss of lives; DGCA orders detailed probe

TWIN TRAGEDIES STRIKE KERALA



Rescue works on at Kozhikode airport on Friday night, hours after the Air India Express plane from Dubai skidded off the runway | MANU MAVELIL

How it happened

Flight overshoots runway around 07:40 pm amid heavy rain

It falls **35 feet** down a slope off the end of the tabletop runway

The aircraft breaks into two

TABLETOP RUNWAYS

Runways in high altitude with one of both ends adjacent to a drop are known as tabletop runways

They create the optical illusion of being at the same level as the plains below when a pilot comes in for a landing

CHAOS IN HOSPITALS

At half a dozen hospitals in Kozhikode, where the injured were admitted, there were scenes of screaming and children searching for their parents

Monsoon fury

Heavy rain lashes the state, mainly in central and northern districts and on Western Ghats

50 dead

The toll in rain-related incidents since June 1 this year

Red alert sounded in Idukki, Malappuram and Wayanad districts, Orange alert in nine districts and yellow alert in one district

Besides Idduki, the IMD has forecast extreme heavy rain in Wayanad and Kottayam districts in the next two days

Winds with a speed of 50km-60km is expected to hit the Kerala coast

1,608 families shifted to 131 relief camps Authorities have sounded

Rescue workers search for survivors after a landslide in Munnar's Rajamala | PTI

17 dead as plane skids off runway at Kozhikode

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kozhikode/Tpuram

IN Kerala's biggest plane mishap, an Air India Express aircraft carrying 190 passengers including crew from Dubai to Kozhikode skidded off the runway while landing in bad weather.

At least 17 persons including its pilot Captain Deepak Vasanth Sathe and co-pilot have died in the accident while 40 suffered grievous injuries. The injured have been admitted to nearby hospitals.

An official statement by Air India Express said the flight IX 1344 from Dubai to Kozhikode, which is being conducting service as part of the Vande Bharath Mission, skidded off the runway while landing and fell into the side of the nearby Cross Belt Road along the Kondotty-Kunnumpuram stretch.

"There were 174 passengers plus 10 infants, two pilots and four cabin crew members on board. As per the initial reports, rescue operations are on and passengers are being taken to hospital for medical care. No fire was reported at the time of the landing," it added.

The aircraft slipped and had a 35-foot-deep fall, splitting it into two pieces, leaving the debris all over the runway. Though a thick smoke came out from the cockpit, no fire was reported. "The Kozhikode airport landing strip is a tabletop like the one at Mangaluru. If the engine of the plane had caught fire, the devastation would have been massive," said local MLA T V Ibrahim.

The incident brought back the nightmares of the May 22, 2010 crash of Air India Express flight IX 812 at Mangaluru International Airport after it slipped off the tabletop runway, fell off the cliff and burst into flames killing 158 passengers.

Runways located on hilltops create the optical illusion of being at the same level as the plains below when a pilot comes in for a landing.

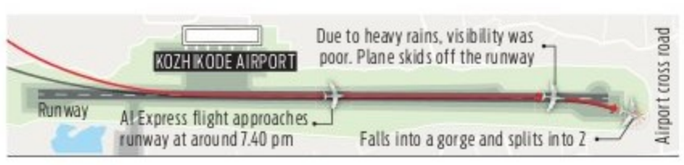
"As per initial assessment, the tabletop runway along with bad weather has resulted in the unusual landing, leading to the mishap," the MLA said.

The rescue operations were launched with the help of the locals who gathered after hearing the loud noise.

Fire and Rescue teams of two districts- Kozhikode and Malappuram- also rushed to the spot soon after the incident.

The passengers who suffered major injuries, were later shifted to Kozhikode and Manjeri Medical Colleges.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan expressed shock over the tragedy. P7


KOZHIKODE AIRPORT
Due to heavy rains, visibility was poor. Plane skids off the runway
Runway
Air Express flight approaches runway at around 7.40 pm
Falls into a gorge and splits into 2
Airport cross road

CAPTAINED BY ACCOMPLISHED AIR FORCE PILOT

Deepak Vasant Sathe

The deceased pilots have been identified as Captain Deepak Vasant Sathe and First Officer Akhilesh Kumar. Sathe was a former Indian Air Force pilot. He was commissioned into the force in 1981 and served for 22 years. He retired in 2003 as a squadron leader and moved to commercial aircraft flying. He had won the sword of honour and was an accomplished fighter.

18 killed, 48 missing as landslide buries homes

NEJMA SULAIMAN @ Iduki

THE torrential rains that have been lashing Kerala, particularly its hilly terrains and northern districts over the past two days, have spelt doom for Rajamala near Munnar in Idukki district.

As many as 18 people, including five women and two children, died and 48 went missing after a major landslide swept away a portion of the Pettimudi hills late on Thursday night, burying 80 houses along four lanes.

Twelve people have been injured. Rescue work were continuing late into Friday night.

The settlement belongs to the Nyayamakad tea estate of Kanan Devan Hills Plantations. Naturally, the 80-odd residents, mostly migrant tea plantation workers, were not prepared for such a disaster, which struck around midnight when most of them asleep.

"The entire village was shattered," said Deepan, a 25-year-old resident of Pettimudi.

"Everything happened in a flash." Deepan lay half-buried in the mud for nearly eight hours before a group of men, who too had survived, pulled him, his mother and two others out by around 6.30am on Friday.

Only the forest personnel and the local residents could make it to the site until Friday afternoon before a 100-member rescue team including revenue, health, police as well as fire and rescue personnel joined them for the rescue operations. Local residents alerted the forest officials about the incident around midnight.

NO LET-UP

ROADS CUT OFF, RIVERS IN SPATE IN MANY DISTRICTS AS INCESSANT RAIN POURS MISERY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

HEAVY rain which caused floods and triggered landslides continued to disrupt normal life in several districts in Karnataka on Friday. Many rivers are flowing above the danger mark and standing crops and properties have been damaged in many places.

A day after a massive landslide swept away their house at Bhagamandala in Kodagu district, there was no trace of the five people, including a temple priest and his family members, who went missing. The situation was so bad that the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) could not resume search operations on Friday. The team is likely to take up the task on Saturday.

In Kodagu district, which has been ravaged by floods and landslides for the second consecutive year, the Cauvery river is overflowing and water has entered the Bhagamandala temple, blocking major connecting roads in the district. Residents living in low-lying areas in Kushalnagar are shifting to safer places anticipating floods, while relief centres have been opened in the district

Responding to the emergency situation, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa directed Chief Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar to proceed with taking up emergency measures without waiting for his approval. P7

The iconic Hadinaru Kaalu Mantapa in Nanjangud was submerged due to rising water in Kabini river on Friday | UDAYSHANKAR S

SHOWERS OF SORROW

- In Malnad, landslides at 11 spots on the Charmadi Ghat Road blocked several stretches of the road
- Bhadra reservoir saw a record rise in water level by more than 10 feet and at Linganamakki by nine feet in just 48 hours
- Flood alert sounded in KRS, Kabini dam areas due to increase in inflow into the reservoirs

8-yr-old girl washed away in flooded lake in Dharwad

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH
@ Dharwad

AN eight-year-old girl studying in Class 3, who was returning home with her mother after delivering lunch to her father in the fields, was washed away in water overflowing from a lake near Kalaghatagi in Dharwad district on Thursday. More than 24 hours later, she still remains missing.

On Friday, a team of the National Disaster Management Force (NDRF) and Fire and Emergency department personnel conducted a search along the length of the flooded lake. But rescue efforts had to be halted by 6 pm and will continue on Saturday morning.

Shridevi Ganiger is the second of three children of Hanumanth and Kavita. CONTINUED ON: P7

Rajapaksa back with thumping victory

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

SRI Lanka's ruling Podujana Peramuna party has secured a massive two-thirds majority in the country's parliamentary elections held on Thursday, giving the Rajapaksa brothers the mandate to rewrite the country's Constitution and increase their power.

According to the official results, the party won 145 seats in the 225-member house. It also has the support of at least five allies, taking its total strength to 150. The biggest loser was Ranil Wickremesinghe's United National Party, which won just one seat.

The Samagi Jana Balawegaya party, formed by Wickremesinghe's former deputy and the presidential candidate Sajith Premadasa, won 55 seats and is the second largest party in the Lankan House.

The victory will allow Rajapaksas to push through constitutional changes including the 19th Amendment which had curbed presidential powers while strengthening Parliament. P11

EXPRESS READ

5 hockey players test Covid +ve in B'luru

New Delhi: Five Indian hockey players, including skipper Manpreet Singh, tested positive for the coronavirus on Friday. The other four players are Surender Kumar, Jaskaran Singh, Krishan Pathak and Varun Kumar. All of them had recently returned to the Sports Authority of India campus in Bengaluru after going on a break for more than a month. P13

Oxford Covid vaccine to be priced at ₹225

New Delhi: Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII), which is manufacturing Oxford University's Covid-19 vaccine, said on Friday it will make the shot available at ₹225 for India and $3 for other low- and middle-income countries. SII has tied up with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to be able to deliver up to 100 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines. P10

SSLC results on Monday, focus now on tech edu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE results of the Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) examination in Karnataka will be announced on August 10, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar announced on Friday.

"The SSLC exam results will be announced on Monday, August 10 at 3 pm," Kumar tweeted on Friday. The exams were conducted from June 25 to July 4 at 2,879 centres across Karnataka amid opposition from several quarters due to the Covid-19 pandemic. About 8.4 lakh students had appeared for the examination.

With the aim of introducing continuous learning among children during the pandemic, the Education Department had launched Vidyagama earlier this week. The minister the initiative is to ensure that all children have access to technology-based education and that teachers should be mentors so that children do not lag behind in learning during this time of transmission.

"All the DDPIs, and field educators will be guided by video presentations explaining the project plans. There is pressure to restart schools but we are waiting for the road map from the Central Government. In the meantime, we are trying to reach the children with the scholastic project as our children should not be left behind in learning", he said.

He added that teachers should develop learning materials to facilitate these classes, which can be conducted on the phone, through TVs, in schools, in school halls, or under the shade of trees. "We have asked for two separate television channels for our department," Kumar said.

ALMANAC TODAY
Saturday 08/08/2020 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Shravana • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Panchami 1:48 am • Nakshatra: Utthara Bhadra 3:09 pm • Moon in Mesha Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST: Isolated tstorms. Mostly cloudy.

Sunrise 6.06 am | Sunset 6.43 pm | Moonrise 10.06 pm | Moonset 9.45 am

KIA BEATS MUMBAI AIRPORT, BECOMES SECOND BUSIEST

Records 4.5L passenger footfall during lockdown; Change in travel patterns visible

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

IN the midst of the gloom in the aviation industry, Bengaluru has something to cheer about. Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has emerged as the second busiest airport in the country, a position long held by Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, as per latest statistics released by the Airports Authority of India.

Figures for the first quarter of financial year 2020-2021 were made public earlier this week. By recording 4,54,704 international and domestic passengers from April to June 2020, it has beaten Mumbai, which had 3,19,412 passengers in the same period. New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport had the maximum patronage with 12,31,338 passengers in the same period. All the airports have shown a dip in patronage by 92% to 97%. What's worse, even Kolkata has gone above Mumbai, thereby pushing it to fourth position (see box).

According to a KIA official, an average of 180 Air Traffic Movements (arrivals and departures) were recorded at Bengaluru in June, compared to nearly 700 ATMs before stoppage of regular flight operations. "As per data (of Aug 6), a total of 91 arrivals and 94 departures occurred at the airport. This included international as well as Vande Bharat Mission flights." International footfall in the 4.5 lakh figure in Bengaluru stands at 19,427, stats show.

A senior aviation official attributed the dip in performance by Mumbai to far more stringent restrictions in place at the airport there, and reduced number of operations due to Covid-19, rather than any major improvement by other airports.

A spokesperson of airport operator Bangalore International Airport Ltd said, "Ever since domestic scheduled operations were allowed by the Centre on May 25, 2020, state governments have had varied approaches to the number of flights allowed in order to manage Covid-19. That, coupled with local curfews and lockdowns, has led to an alteration in travel patterns. Under the circumstances, it is expected that changes are likely in traditional passenger numbers across airports in India."

On possible policy steps being taken by the government to boost passenger traffic, Director General of Civil Aviation, Arun Kumar, told *TNIE*, "We have laid down the Standard Operating Protocol. Likelihood of getting infected on board a flight is extremely unlikely, as has been established."

SOME AIRLINES MAY CLOSE DOWN: EXPERT

Aviation expert Captain Mohan Ranganathan spoke about the bleak scenario of the aviation industry right now. "There is no business, family, or tourism travel. Hotels too are shut. Hence, there is no chance that domestic travel will pick up for at least three years," he said. International travellers contribute to nearly 50% of domestic travel and this segment is now completely closed. "Only those stranded abroad are coming by the few international flights being operated," he said. By the time, things become normal in the domestic segment, a few airlines would have shut, he added.

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BIAL spokesperson

HUGE PLUNGE IN NUMBERS

Airport	Flyers (April-June '20)	Flyers (April-June '19)	Dip in %
IGI, New Delhi	12,31,338	1,57,50,909	-92.2%
KIA, Bengaluru	4,54,704	84,11,268	-94.6%
NSCBI, Kolkata	3,96,668	54,31,724	-92%
Chhatrapati Shivaji, Mumbai	3,19,412	1,11,32,082	-97.1%
Chennai Intl Airport	1,90,047	55,60,851	-96.6%

Stats released by Airports Authority of India

GETTING READY

With Krishna Janmashtami just around the corner, artists from Rajasthan are busy giving finishing touches to idols, hoping that the Covid restrictions will not dampen their business prospects | MEGHANA SASTRY

Int'l returnees have to submit Covid declaration form on Yatri portral

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THE state government has issued revised guidelines for international returnees wherein all travellers should submit a self-declaration form on the Yatri Karnataka portal, at least 72 hours before the scheduled date of travel.

Business or short-term travellers, and those with a negative RT-PCR report will be exempted from quarantine norms. However, the person needs to fill a self-declaration form with respect to the authenticity of the test. Symptomatic passengers will be sent to Covid health centres for testing. Three swabs will be taken — one nasopharyngeal swab for Rapid antigen test (RAT) and two swabs, throat and nasopharyngeal — for RT-PCR test. Those who test positive for RAT will either be asked to go for home isolation or will be shifted to a Covid hospital. Those who test negative need to take the RT-PCR test. After this, if they are found negative, they are advised 14-day home quarantine, but if found positive, they will be shifted to a Covid hospital.

Passengers travelling for more than 48 hours but less than 7 days have to get a RAT test done and only after getting a negative report, can they complete their work and return. Those who come with a negative report during arrival will be exempted from testing provided the test has been conducted within 96 hours before the journey.

Conduct yoga classes in open spaces: Govt

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THE state health and family welfare department has issued Covid-19 guidelines in yoga centres and gymnasiums. "The practice of Yogic Kriya may be avoided for the time being. It can be practised in open spaces," the guidelines read. All yoga centres and gyms in containment zones shall remain closed to public.

"People above 65 years of age and below 10, those with comorbidities, pregnant women and lactating mothers are advised not to use gyms in enclosed spaces," the guidelines stated.

Masks have to be worn at all times, but during yoga or exercises in gyms, only a face shield may be used as using a mask causes difficulty in breathing.

"The timings of classes should be staggered. There should be a gap of 15-30 minutes between classes to avoid an overlap of members arriving and leaving. Limit the number of people per session," the guidelines said.

Temperatures inside should be between 24-30 degrees Celsius with a relative humidity between 40% to 70%.

The guidelines also included details on what must be done if any positive cases are reported from the premises.

Plan 2nd airport for B'luru: Industry body tells govt

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

THE State Government must start planning for a second airport in Bengaluru to keep pace with the city's development over the next few years, according to a report by Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC).

"Our analysis indicates that the location of the second airport would be ideal in the stretch between Bengaluru and Mysuru, based on the economic growth pattern, demographic splits and demand potential. This will ensure that the benefits of connectivity drive additional growth in Mysuru, Hassan, Kodagu and Harohalli. With infrastructure being a key driver of industry and investment, a second airport will not only help to decongest the city, but will also help industry expand towards outlying areas thereby fostering balanced growth," the report says.

The BCIC feels the case for a second airport for Bengaluru "seems to be compelling as most of the factors that will help make such a project profitable are favourable. And, given the ground-level challenges, it is imperative that a decision be taken quickly." The report lists land acquisition and development, environmental issues, road and rail connectivity, competing destinations and local issues as the main challenges.

Devesh Agarwal, former president of BCIC and Joint Managing Director of Jesons Technologies Pvt Ltd, said they are not against the Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL), but are looking at a number of factors, including the projected growth in air traffic and the need to keep pace with development. "The second airport should be a standalone one and they (BIAL and the new airport) should compete with each other genuinely," he said, adding that their report looked at the need and viability of a second airport for Bengaluru.

Large Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar, who released the report on Friday, said the BCIC members had discussed with him about the report. Shettar said that he will look into it and discuss with the CM.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

08th August : This is my last word on this week's theme – multiverses. According to the scientists who believe in multiverses, each one consists of so many universes that eventually they must begin to repeat each other. In other words, somewhere, right now, in another universe, there is another you, reading these words, written by another me!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The gradual drift of your planets around the zodiac is now raising the question of your finances. It looks very much as if your ability to spend money on your own needs will be determined by your relationships with other people. That should restrict your freedom of action, but not for long.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The Moon's sensitive presence in your chart should make you think again about what partners need, and how you can provide it for them. It's all a question of putting other people first, and realising that your turn will come within about two to three weeks.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
This ought to be a day of work, and even if you have the opportunity to indulge your favourite hobbies you should be putting in much more energy than normal. The fact is, you deserve to do well. Watch out that emotional intensity doesn't undermine your health, though.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You never quite let your serious intentions slip, but even you should relax today and be as youthful, spontaneous and creative as possible. The theme for the day is self-expression, and you should do everything to bring out your personal talents.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
As the Moon sweeps through your chart you should take pains to deal with home and family matters. It is especially important to turn your attention to causes of discontent which may still be active, even though you did your best to deal with them some time ago.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It's an optimistic day, but one when you can think long and hard about your future plans and prospects. While you may therefore hope for the best, you should tie yourself firmly into what is genuinely possible. There's little point in chasing pipe-dreams at the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
This will almost certainly be an extravagant moment, although thankfully the planets offer you a safety clause: you may not have to keep many of your promises. Some commitments may therefore remain hypothetical, perhaps because other people actually forget about them!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It is always the case that the Moon's presence in friendly regions of your chart strengthens your emotional position. You may therefore find other people, including those to whom you are intimately linked, will gently bow to your Scorpionic will.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The Sun sails through your chart, very subtly awakening areas of your personality which have lain dormant for too long. Over the next couple of days, you may display a tendency to retreat into yourself, after which you will finally re-emerge very much more confident than before.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Venus and Jupiter are an excellent team and are soon to reward all your efforts with extra material benefits. Your spending plans, in the meantime, may be rather more grandiose than necessary. Actually, it might pay to be more realistic in future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Some of your latent ambitions will be awakened today, including a desire to fall in love all over again, to travel, and to see the world. It is a moment for adventure, not for taking the easy option. See to it that the people who need to know what you're doing are kept up to date.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Today's most powerful planetary patterns arouse your secret feelings. You must realise that some of your dreams can be very expensive to implement. But dreaming of course is free! You'll face questions when somebody expects you to back up your words with actions.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

I'M FEELING DOWN TODAY.
HUGGING MY LITTLE RAY OF SUNSHINE ALWAYS CHEERS ME UP!
ALL ANYONE REALLY NEEDS TO KNOW, THEY CAN LEARN FROM SUNBEAM.

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

WHAT DO YOU SAY WE CHARTER A FISHING BOAT NEXT WEEKEND?
SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
SOUNDS EXPENSIVE, TOO
YEAH, BUT IT'S ONLY MONEY
SO, HOW WILL WE FINANCE THIS EXCURSION?
HEY, I DID MY PART BY COMING UP WITH THE IDEA!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

					6		2	
2		9		5	7			
		6				8		3
					4		1	6
	1						4	
7	6		1					
8		1				2		
			2	9		4		1
	3		8					

HARD

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

7	2	9	5	4	8	6	3	1
1	8	4	3	6	9	5	2	7
6	3	5	2	1	7	8	9	4
9	5	7	1	2	6	3	4	8
8	4	1	9	5	3	7	6	2
2	6	3	8	7	4	9	1	5
4	7	8	6	9	2	1	5	3
3	1	6	4	8	5	2	7	9
5	9	2	7	3	1	4	8	6

JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

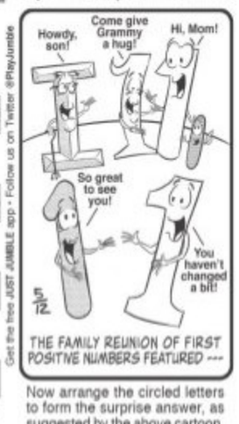
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LPXEE

TOIDT

SNYINK

LOTIVE


Howdy, son!
Come give Grammy a hug!
Hi, Mom!
So great to see you!
You haven't changed a bit!
5/12
THE FAMILY REUNION OF FIRST POSITIVE NUMBERS FEATURED ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LINER ODDLY DREAMY EXPOSE
Answer: The antique store was located in the basement through the — "SELLER" DOOR

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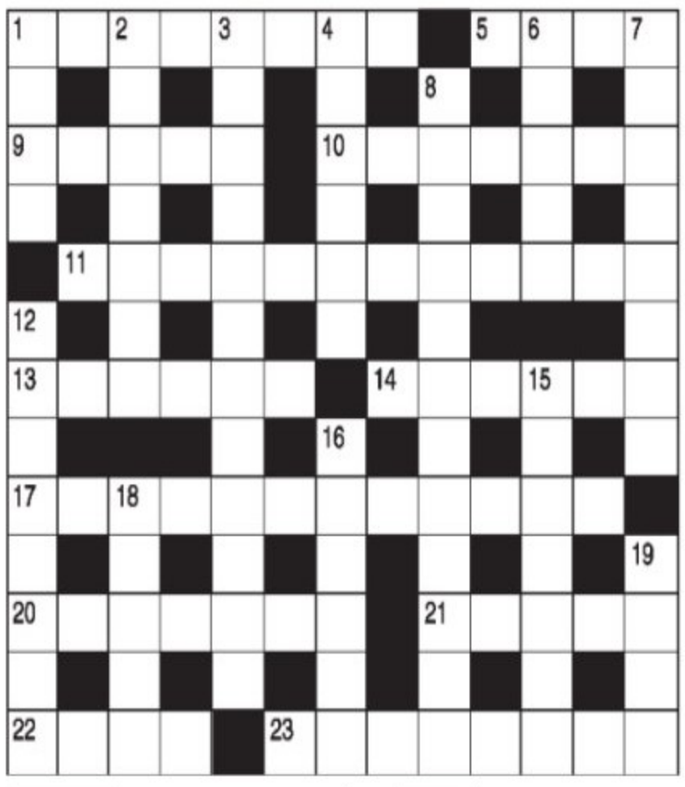
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Inordinately cruel act that is free from obscurity (5-3)
5 Key held by Uncle Frank (4)
9 Cloth that's soft being put on (5)
10 The hand Mark won in style (7)
11 The expenses of being an athlete? (7,5)
13 Place where children may go between two and five (6)
14 Band in the theatre (6)
17 Loses one's equilibrium, excited as lover can be (12)
20 Shuffling cards it is necessary to be vigorous (7)
21 Will go (5)
22 Piece of boarded adornment (4)
23 Small games enclosures (8)

DOWN

1 Not the original journalist's work (4)
2 An age certain to get wiped out (7)
3 Customs that suit many a horseman (6,6)
4 Pay out and relax (6)
6 Fruit trees (5)
7 Is he going in to discover it's all over? (8)
8 Any call for it means changes in part (12)
12 A hundred bound to be granted (8)
15 Box me up inside and dispose of the body (7)
16 It's used as anti-freeze in exceedingly cold weather (6)
18 Animal not usually laden (5)
19 Leonard's telescope will have one (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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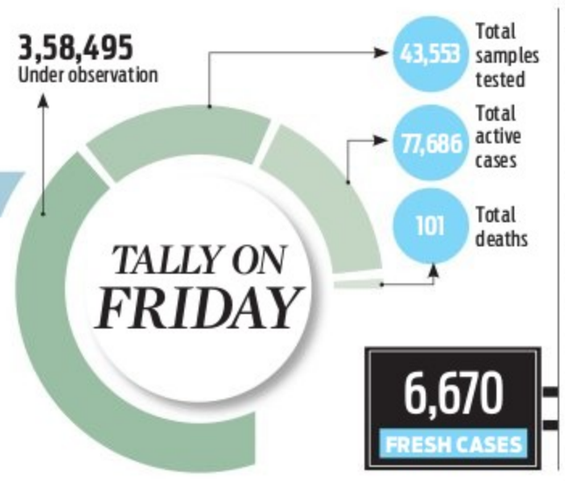

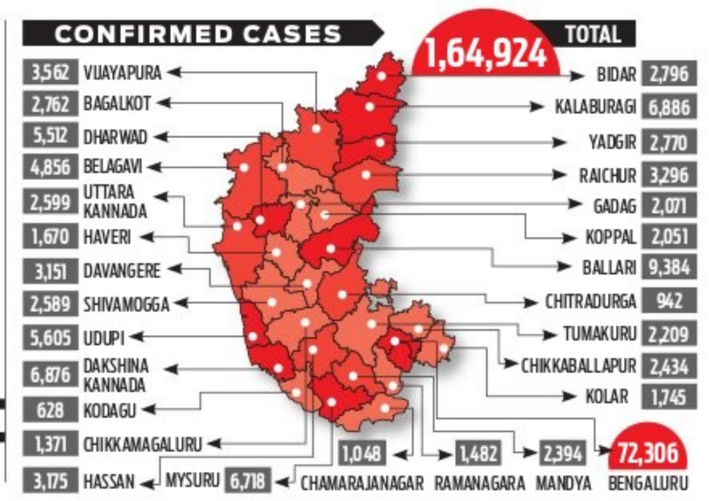

BOMMANAHALLI SEES SPURT IN CASES

Officials attribute it to increased number of tests, zone's contribution to total B'luru cases stands at 12%

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

SOUTH and West zones in Bengaluru are continuing to record a high number of Covid-19 cases followed by the East zone, but over the last week, Bommanahalli zone too has been witnessing a spike. The contribution of the zone to the overall positive cases in Bengaluru has gone up from 11 per cent on August 1 to 17 per cent on August 6, which was the second-highest after the West zone at 27%. The officials attributed it to increased testing in the zone.

Till mid-July, Bommanahalli zone constituted 8 per cent of the cases, but it increased to 10 per cent and this month, the average of last six days is 12 per cent. From July 31 to August 6, the zone recorded 1,717 positive cases, officials said.

Zonal Joint Commissioner S Ramkrishna told TNIE, "The increase in cases over the last week is due to a higher number of tests being conducted. Initially, we were conducting 500-700 tests per day, but now it has gone up to 2,000 samples. We have identified some spots in the 16 wards where we are setting up camps and conducting free tests. If the numbers are high, it is a good sign as we are identifying positive cases at early stages. Eventually, the spread of the infection will reduce."

A part of Jayanagar 6th Block in Bengaluru has been sealed after a resident tested positive for Covid-19, on Friday | MEGHANA SASTRY

> **The maximum number of cases are from Singasandra ward, which is near Tamil Nadu and Karnataka border and many returnees from Tamil Nadu are staying there, leading to the spurt**
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> — K M Gangadhar, BBMP epidemiologist

Till now, the zone has recorded 5,857 cases. Of them, 3,057 are active, 2,705 discharges and 95 deaths.

K M Gangadhar, an epidemiologist from BBMP, who is looking after Bommanahalli zone, said, "The spread of infection in the zone is less. Last week, we saw many cases and we are working on reducing them by creating awareness. The zone has many slum areas from where cases are being reported. The maximum number of cases are from Singasandra ward, which is near Tamil Nadu and Karnataka border and many returnees from Tamil Nadu are staying there, leading to the spurt. Also, the ward is densely populated with a population of 1,80,000. Rest of the cases are from Bommanhalli, Arakere and Begur wards. We are identifying people with comorbidties and those at early stages of Covid-19 by using oximeters and conducting door-to-door surveys."

Captain P Mannivanan, Special Officer, Bommanhalli Zone, said, "The high numbers are because of more testing. However, the positivity rate is much lower than South and West zones."

CONDITION STABLE

BSY, Siddu doing well at hospital; Yathindra tests +ve

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CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa and former chief minister and opposition leader in the Assembly Siddaramaiah, who are undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Bengaluru, are responding well to treatment.

"Yediyurappa continues to be stable since his admission on August 2. He is responding well to the treatment. His vital parameters are within normal limits. He is comfortable and attending to his duties from his room. Our team of specialists is monitoring him closely," said a statement issued by Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru. The chief minister is closely monitoring the flood situation across the state and also the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic from his hospital room.

Opposition leader Siddaramaiah was admitted to the same hospital on Monday after he was tested positive for Covid-19. "He is clinically stable and responding to treatment. He is comfortable and his appetite has improved. Our team of experts will continue to monitor him closely," the statement from the hospital said.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is responding well to treatment at Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru

Siddaramaiah's son and Congress MLA from the Varuna Assembly constituency Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah tested positive for Covid on Friday. Confirming that he is positive, the MLA, a medical doctor himself, took to the social media platform to send out a message to his followers. "I request all those who came in contact with me over the last few days to quarantine themselves and take precautions," he tweeted.

COVID WATCH

ADMISSIONS ONLY VIA ONLINE SYSTEM

Bengaluru: With many patients being referred to Bengaluru hospitals with just physical slips, hospitals are finding it hard to accept referrals from the Covid Hospital Bed Management System. The Health and Family Welfare department has now made it mandatory for all referrals, admissions and discharges to happen only via CHBMS. It is also decided to admit patients referred by districts under the government quota in Bengaluru hospitals. Only the deputy commissioner and additional deputy commissioner of districts are authorised to send the referrals to the BBMP special commissioner, who will then book beds through CHBMS. ENS

Happy news in tough times: 13 firms hire 59 candidates

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

IN these times of Covid crisis when majority of establishments are firing their existing staff, 13 companies in the state have hired new employees. Over the last couple of weeks, 59 candidates, including those who have returned from other countries to the state, have got jobs with the help of the Karnataka Skill Development Corporation's job portal (https://skillconnect.kaushalkar.com) that was launched last month. The initiative by the state is the first in the country.

They said that 53 companies had registered with them and of them, 13 participated in the online job mela, organised in the second week of July. In all, 938 candidates too had registered on the portal with their educational qualification, work experience and other details. Of them, 59 were hired by the 13 companies, which are from hotel, healthcare and large-scale industries. The department had shortlisted candidates based on the companies' requirements, making the hiring easy. The new employees who have received their employment letters have already started working from home, the officials said.

Also, hiring of 863 people is at different stages. Some companies are doing physical verification of candidates, while others have hired after conducting online interviews. Some candidates have sought time to join work, officials said.

The state government now plans to upgrade the portal and make it on par with private job websites like naukri.com. The companies will still be required to notify vacancies, but now it will be easy as it is online.

Pvt hosp demands ₹13L to release patient's body

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

AFTER Covid-19 felled 74-year-old Shaik Adam on Thursday, his family members were in for a shock when they were presented with a bill of Rs 13,54,337 by Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road. They had already paid Rs 6,55,000, but the hospital refused to release the body till the remainder was paid, the family alleged.

As per the government-capped rates, an ICU patient can be charged a maximum of Rs 25,000 per day. As Adam was in ICU for 22 days, the bill should have been Rs 5,50,000.

In a call recording, the patient's son, Imran, tells hospital administrator Dr Praveen Wali, "I had hoped that Fortis with such a big name will do good and Dr Praveen will help but you are behind the cheque only." The doctor responds, "This is a company. I also get a salary. Don't pay now. Give a declaration saying you don't have the entire amount now and you will settle the bill later and give a blank cheque without your signature on it."

Imran told TNIE, "We did not give the cheque. My father only had symptoms of cough when he tested positive and got admitted. But they put him on a ventilator from the second day and he passed away at 5.30 pm on Thursday. How can we afford Rs 13 lakh?"

Then, volunteers from NGO Mercy Mission spoke to the hospital and called it out for overcharging. The body was released on Friday morning.

Hospital denies charges

In a statement, Fortis Hospital said that Shaik Adam was brought in on July 14 with a severe acute respiratory distress syndrome and pneumonia. He was put on a ventilator from July 15, for the next 21 days. "Along with severe Covid and pneumonia, he had multiple organ dysfunction as well and was undergoing treatment for the same at the hospital which is exclusive of the price cap set out by the government. We are strictly adhering to the price cap set by the government and all charges in the bill are in strict accordance with their directive," it said.

"The family has paid only half of the billed amount; the balance is outstanding. Only as an assurance against the outstanding amount, the hospital collected a declaration letter which was voluntarily given. The allegations that the body was forcibly withheld for non-payment of bills are totally false," it said.

As cases rise, Dharwad ups bed capacity

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH
@Hubballi

IN a bid to accommodate the increasing number of Covid-19 patients in Dharwad district, the administration has decided to increase bed capacity across hospitals in Hubballi and Dharwad.

The district has been reporting nearly 200 new cases daily, which have crossed 5,300 in total, with more than 2,300 active cases getting treated at government and private hospitals, Covid Care Centres, and in home isolation. The district administration also began Rapid Antigen Tests.

According to the Health Department, around 2,250 beds are being used to treat Covid-19 patients in the district. To treat symptomatic patients, there are 750 beds in both government and private hospitals where around 250 beds are vacant, which will be used to admit new patients. To treat asymptomatic patients, the administration has identified 1,500 beds in various Ayurveda hospitals, hostels and the Deshpande Foundation centre, where 350 beds are occupied, and nearly 1,000 are vacant.

The Deshpande Foundation has handed over one of its centres with a capacity of 800 beds, to be converted into a Covid Care Centre, where 140 beds have been occupied.

(L-R) A boy gives his swab sample at a BBMP fever clinic in Bengaluru on Friday; Health workers outside a Covid Care Centre in Bengaluru | MEGHANA SASTRY

Reason to smile? Recovery up, mortality down

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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KARNATAKA'S caseload once again went through the 6,000-mark on Friday, as 6,670 Covid-19 positive cases were added to the State's tally, which now stands at 1,64,924. The number of discharged patients too dropped to 3,951, after five days of a high number of discharges.

The recovery rate is continuously improving, and stands at 51.07 per cent on Friday. Karnataka saw over 4,000 discharges daily on August 2 and 3, a record 6,777 discharges on August 4, and over 5,000 discharges on August 5 and 6. The total number of discharged patients in Karnataka is now 84,232.

The number of active cases, too, increased from 75,068 on Thursday to 77,686, but the state remains at third position after Maharashtra (1,45,582 active cases) and Andhra Pradesh (84,654), after briefly touching second position.

Karnataka's positivity rate -- the number of patients testing positive per 100 tests – has been consistently rising over the past month. It is now 10.15, up from 3.32 on July 5.

The state's mortality rate, however, continues to drop and now stands at 1.81 per cent. An addition of 101 deaths took the State's Covid-19 death toll to 2,998, with 22 alone added by Bengaluru Urban, whose death toll is 1,200 — which is 40.02 per cent of the State's toll.

In Bengaluru, 2,147 additional cases were recorded, with the total number of discharged patients at 35,063, and total number of active cases at 33,308.

After Bengaluru Urban, districts with big caseloads are Ballari (686), Belagavi (390), Kalaburgi (271), Dharwad (266), Udupi (246) and Mysuru (242).

Bengaluru Urban has been doing well with recovery rate at 50.3 per cent, and had dropped last month to 30 per cent. However, Bengaluru Urban's positivity rate stands at 22.2 per cent, the second highest after Bengaluru Rural at 22.8 per cent.

The number of Covid tests conducted daily in the past three days has increased, with the state conducting more than 40,000 tests. On August 3, it was 42,458, on August 5 it was 43,638 and on August 6 was 48,421. On Friday, it was 43,553. This places Karnataka at eighth position in terms of tests per million, with Delhi topping the list with 66,872 cases, while Karnataka is 25,864.

Double whammy: Experts warn of monsoon diseases amid pandemic

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

WITH torrential downpour and landslides being reported amid the pandemic across many districts in Karnataka, epidemiologists and public health experts fear rise in Covid-19 cases. They urge officials to take extra precautions and not to ignore the danger of an outbreak of other communicable and vector-borne diseases.

"Floods result in extreme hardships, often resulting in congregations of the displaced population. In addition to the risk of other communicable diseases, there is a higher risk of transfer of Covid-19 infection in closed spaces with many people in close contact. Although difficult, it is important to ensure humanitarian aid also includes the provision of masks," said Dr Giridhara R Babu, senior epidemiologist and advisor to Covid-19 technical committee in the State.

Heavy rainfall leads to flooding of homes in Belagavi district's Annapoorneshwari Nagar, on Thursday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

According to public health experts, the virus complicates preparedness efforts amid concerns it could spread within crowded shelter homes with zero social distancing.

"Floods can give rise to many public health issues. Overflowing drains and sewage water can lead to increased incidence of water-borne diseases like Hepatitis A, typhoid, leptospirosis and cholera. Vector-borne diseases like malaria, dengue and chikungunya can go up. Children and the elderly are more vulnerable," Dr Sylvia Karpagam, public health activist, said.

"The Covid pandemic as well as flooding require good public health systems, preventive measures and health education. In the absence of these, communities are very vulnerable to adverse consequences of both and face dual risk," Sylvia said.

Meanwhile, experts fear that testing in these regions might come down drastically as the attention of the district incharge officers would now shift to handling flood situations. They warn that the relief measures need to happen with the pandemic in mind. "It is a very difficult time. Tests should continue in these districts too amid the flood-like situation. If the number of tests reduce, then there might be a sudden spike in mortality rates," said a senior epidemiologist.

Experts say officials should impose new rules to protect people now. They should screen people before they are allowed inside shelter homes, separate them if they are symptomatic, do antigen tests, ensure social distancing and limit each space to fewer than 30-50 people.

Wakf Board chief dies Karnataka State Wakf Board Chairman Dr Mohammed Yusuf (65) died at a private hospital in Bengaluru on Friday. He was undergoing treatment since the last few days. Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, in a condolence message, said he is saddened by his sudden demise

11 dists to get ₹5 cr each to tackle flood

Revenue Minister tours coastal districts, says effort on to avert disasters due to heavy rainfall

Revenue Minister R Ashoka at Padubidri seashore in Udupi district on Friday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

ELEVEN districts in the state will be allocated ₹5 crore each in addition to the funds already sanctioned to tackle rain havoc, Revenue Minister R Ashoka said here on Friday.

After chairing a meeting to review the preparation for rain-related problems, he told reporters that Uttara Kannada, Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga, Haveri, Hassan, Mysuru, Chamarajanagara, Dharwad, Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts will get an additional ₹5 crore each.

He said he was on touring Udupi, Uttara Kannada and Dakshina Kannada districts to assess the preparedness of officials to tackle rain woes, as the focus of the government is to avert any rain-related mishaps. "Instead of assessing the situation after a disaster occurs, ensuring proper remedies in advance is the right way," Ashoka said.

He added that the priest's family in Kodagu that went missing due to a massive landslide on Thursday, was advised by officials earlier to relocate to a safer place, but had not agreed.

Ashoka said he has instructed officials to ensure that those living in low-lying, flood-prone areas and on river banks are given shelter at rescue camps set up in nearby school and college buildings.

The people accommodated in such camps will be provided food, water and medicines, and officials should ensure that nobody suffers, he said. The fire and emergency services department has been allotted ₹20 crore to procure equipment to tackle flood fury across the state.

Along with the government, we should also stand with the affected people. Government should constitute teams and work towards providing relief. The state government should put pressure on the Union government and get financial aid from them — Siddaramaiah, Opposition leader

Oppn asks Centre to release funds for State

The Congress and JDS on Friday demanded the Centre to release funds to the State in order help those hit by the heavy rain and floods in Karnataka. On Thursday, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa had directed the officials to provide Rs 10,000 financial assistance to families affected by the heavy rain. Former PM H D Deve Gowda said, "It's unfortunate that the monsoon fury is causing damage. Along with the government, we should also stand with the affected people. Government should constitute teams and work towards providing relief. The state government should put pressure on the Union government and get financial aid from them." Congress leader Siddaramaiah too urged the Centre to release funds to state. Former CM H D Kumaraswamy, in a series of tweets, urged the state government to take up relief and rescue operations on a war-footing basis. "Officials must camp in flood affected areas, supervise relief and rescue works, and boost people's confidence," he said.

Go ahead with work, don't wait for nod: CM to CS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru:

CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa, who is currently undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Bengaluru after testing positive for Covid-19, on Friday directed Chief Secretary TM Vijay Bhaskar to proceed with emergency works without waiting for his approval.

Yediyurappa spoke to Bhaskar over telephone and took stock of the flood situation in the state. He also called Kodagu district in-charge minister V Somanna and expressed concern over the landslide in Talacauvery. "He enquired about the missing priest and his family members and instructed officials to carry out search operations," said a statement from the Chief Minister's Office. Five persons, including the temple priest and his family members, are missing after a massive landslide swept away their home in Kodagu district in the early hours of Thursday. Search operations by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team are hampered due to heavy rain and landslides.

Meanwhile, on the Chief Minister's directions, district in-charge ministers rushed to rain-hit areas to monitor rescue and relief operations. Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that 17 districts are receiving heavy rain over the past few days and the Chief Minister is constantly monitoring the situation and ensuring that relief measures are taken.

"The CM is giving necessary instructions to ministers and officers and the government is effectively tackling the flood situation," he said in Chikkaballapura.

HC quashes criminal trial of 9 foreign Tablighi men

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

The High Court has quashed criminal proceedings against nine foreign members of Tablighi Jamaat, but declined to quash similar proceedings against seven of their Indian counterparts, in cases registered against them by the Tumakuru police.

They were booked for participating in a religious congregation, and in case of foreigners, on e-tourist Visas and spreading Covid.

In an order passed on Wednesday, Justice Krishna S Dixit directed the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) to issue exit permits to the foreign Tablighi members if they are not required for any other case, and after they pay the fine and give an undertaking that they will not visit India within the next 10 years.

The foreigners include four from South Africa, three from Gambia and one each from Indonesia and the USA.

Judge Dixit made it clear that quashing the proceedings against the accused foreigners should not be construed as extending their Visas, or as dilution of the case against other petitioners who are accused for offences punishable under the Foreigners Act, 1946, IPC, Epidemic Diseases Act and other enactments.

Pending GST dues discussed

ENS @ Bengaluru

STATE'S pending dues of ₹13,763 crore was discussed, and is likely to be taken up at the next meeting, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said here on Friday, after participating in the National GST ministers' meeting.

The meeting was held via video conferencing under the leadership of GST convener and Bihar DyCM Sushil Modi.

The discussion focussed on how GST taxpayers' pendency of online refunds can be addressed, and that refunds pending beyond the stipulated time, at times for flimsy reasons, should be expedited. Over 2 lakh cases would be taken up and over ₹52,000 crore disbursed in refunds, said Bommai. The ministers spoke on simplification of the process of filing monthly returns. Now, heavy industries can file by the 24th of every month.

EXPRESS READ

Weapon supplier held

Bengaluru: As part of the investigation against gangster Ravi Poojary, police have arrested a man, who had allegedly supplied firearms in the Shabnam Developers shooting case, and had been absconding for the last 13 years. "CCB arrested Iqlaq Qureshi and will take him to police custody," said Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil.

Temple roof collapses, 1 dies

Bengaluru: A treasure hunter died after roof and pillars of a temple collapsed on him. The incident took place at Anjaneya temple near Hoskote on Thursday. The deceased is Suresh N, and his associates Sebastian and Manju are injured. Six other are absconding. Police said treasure hunters came to the temple at 2 am and started digging. Pillars fell on their heads.

AAP to help in Covid management

Bengaluru: Aam Aadmi Party volunteers will go from house to house to help anyone showing Covid-like symptoms, coordinate with authorities on medical help and provide other assistance. On Saturday, these volunteers, most of whom are working professionals, will visit 20 wards including Kadugodi, Lakkasandra, Koramangala, BTM Layout, Subramanyapura, Begur and Kalenagar. Volunteers, in teams of five per ward, will reach out to 100 houses a day.

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No. IGICH/ACA/FS/Aug-Sep/01/2020-21 Date: 06-08-2020

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates in the prescribed form for the following **Fellowship Programme for the Session August / September (2020-21)** at Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore.

Sl. No.	Courses	Eligibility	Duration	No. of seats
1.	Pediatric Anesthesia	MD (Anesthesiology), DNB or its equivalent / DA with two years experience	12 Months	04
2.	Pediatric Intensive Care	MD (Pediatrics), DNB or its equivalent / DCH with two years experience	12 Months	04
3.	Pediatric Dermatology	MD Dermatology or its equivalent / DVD with two years experience	12 Months	04
4.	Pediatric Urology	MCh (Pediatric Surgery) or its equivalent	12 Months	04
5.	Pediatric Minimally Invasive Surgery	MCh (Pediatric Surgery) or its equivalent	12 Months	04
6.	Pediatric Orthopedics	MS (Ortho), DNB or its equivalent / post Diploma with two years experience	12 Months	04
7.	Pediatric Radiology	MD Radiology or its equivalent / DMRD with two years experience	12 Months	04
8.	Pediatric Genetics	MD (Pediatrics), DNB or its equivalent / DCH with two years experience	12 Months	04
9.	Pediatric Neurology	MD (Pediatrics), DNB or its equivalent / DCH with two years experience	**18 Months**	04
10.	Neonatology Intensive care	MD (Pediatrics), DNB or its equivalent / DCH with two years experience	**18 Months**	04
11.	Pediatric Adolescent & Endocrinology	MD (Pediatrics), DNB or its equivalent / DCH with two years experience	**18 Months**	04

(a) Preference will be given to candidates having three years experience after post graduation in the concerned specialty. (b) The Application form and prospectus can be downloaded from the office website: **www.igich.in** (c) Applicants should pay Rs. 2,000/- per application by NEFT/RTGS (Vijaya Bank) now Bank of Baroda. (d) Saving Account No.: **10960 1010021387** IFSC Code: **BARB0VJJAYA** (Fifth number is zero) Branch: Jaynagara 3rd Block, Bangalore. (e) The filled application along with UTR/transaction no. for payment of application fees should be sent by email to **igichfellowship20@gmail.com** before **18-08-2020**. (f) Modality and Selection Interview date will be announced in website: **www.igich.in**

Sd/- Director
Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore

DIPR/DDU/YC/742/2020-21

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विज्ञापन सं. एनएआरएल/आरएमटी/ एसडी/02/2020 /Advertisement No.NARL/RMT/SD/02/2020 **दिनांक/Dated : 17.07.2020**

राष्ट्रीय वायुमंडलीय अनुसंधान प्रयोगशाला (एनएआरएल) सतह से लेकर आयनमंडल तक के वायुमंडल के विभिन्न पहलुओं के आवरक अग्रवर्ती वायुमंडलीय अनुसंधान में लगी हुई है, जिसमें मौसम तथा जलवायु और प्रेक्षण एवं मॉडलिंग का उपयोग करते हुए अंतरिक्ष मौसम, और नई प्रायोगिक तकनीकों का विकास तथा प्रोद्योगिकियों का स्वदेशीकरण शामिल है। हाल ही में, एनएआरएल ने ग्रहीय वायुमंडल/आयनमंडलीय अनुसंधान और संबंधित यंत्रीकरण की शुरूआत की है।/ National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL) is engaged in frontline atmospheric research covering various aspects of the atmosphere right from the surface to the ionosphere including weather & climate and space weather using observations and modelling, and development of new experimental techniques and indigenization of technologies. Recently, NARL has initiated Planetary atmospheric / ionospheric research and related instrumentation.

एनएआरएल द्वारा निम्नलिखित पदों के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं:/ NARL invites applications for the following positions :

पद कोड सं. Post Code No.	पद नाम Post Name	पदें की सं. No. of Posts	अनिवार्य योग्यतां Essential Qualification	वांछनीय योग्यता Desirable Qualification
01.	**वैज्ञानिक/अभियंता 'एसडी'** एल–11 में मूल वेतन ₹ 67700/– प्रतिमाह (₹ 67700–208700) के साथ स्वीकार्य परिवहन एवं मकान किराया भत्ता **Scientist/Engineer 'SD'** Basic Pay – Rs.67700/- p.m in L – 11 (Rs.67700 – 208700/-) Plus TA and HRA as admissible	01	भौतिकी/ अन्तरिक्ष भौतिकी/ वायुमंडलीय विज्ञान/ मौसम विज्ञान में पीएच.डी। **और** मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय/संस्थान से भौतिकी/वायुमंडलीय विज्ञान / अन्तरिक्ष भैतिकी/ मौसम विज्ञान में न्यूनतम 65% अंकों या समकक्ष सीजीपीए ग्रेड के साथ प्रथम श्रेणी में स्नातकोत्तर और स्नातक उपाधि। Ph.D.in Physics/ Space Physics /Atmospheric Science/ Meteorology **&** First class Post graduate and Graduate degree with minimum 65% marks or equivalent CGPA grade in Physics/ Atmospheric Sciences/ Space Physics/ Meteorology from a recognised University/ institution.	डॉप्लर मौसम रेडार/मेघ के लिए ध्रुवणमापीय रेडार/वर्षण मापन/विश्लेषण की क्षेत्र में सिद्ध ट्रैक रिकार्ड के साथ रेडार मौसम विज्ञान में अनुभव। (अथवा) मेघ की पुनःप्राप्ति/ उपग्रह आधारित प्रेक्षणों और संबंधित अध्ययनों से वर्षण प्राचलों में अनुभव। (अथवा) मेघ सूक्ष्मभौतिकी या मेघ विकिरणी प्रणोदन अध्ययन में अनुभव। Experience in Radar meteorology with proven track record in the field of Doppler weather radar/polarimetric radar for cloud/precipitation measurements/ analysis. (or) Experience in retrieval of cloud/ precipitation parameters from satellite based observations and related studies. (or) Experience in cloud microphysics or cloud radiative forcing studies.
02.	**वैज्ञानिक/अभियंता 'एसडी'** एल–11 में मूल वेतन ₹67700/– प्रतिमाह (₹67700 – 208700) के साथ स्वीकार्य परिवहन एवं मकान किराया भत्ता **(दिव्यांगजन (ओएच अथवा एचआई) के लिए आरक्षित)** **Scientist/Engineer 'SD'** Basic Pay – Rs.67700/- p.m in L – 11 (Rs.67700 – 208700/-) Plus TA and HRA as admissible **[Reserved for PWD (OH or HI)]**	01	भौतिकी/ अन्तरिक्ष भौतिकी/ वायुमंडलीय विज्ञान/ इंजीनियरिंग में पीएच.डी। और मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय/संस्थान से भौतिकी/वायुमंडलीय विज्ञान / अन्तरिक्ष भैतिकी/ इंजीनियरिंग में न्यूनतम 65% अंकों या समकक्ष सीजीपीए ग्रेड के साथ प्रथम श्रेणी में स्नातकोत्तर और स्नातक उपाधि। Ph.D. in Physics / Space Physics / Atmospheric Science / Engineering & First class Post graduate and Graduate degree with minimum 65% marks or equivalent CGPA grade in Physics / Atmospheric Sciences / Space Physics / Engineering from a recognised University / institution.	पृथ्वी – या ग्रहीय–वायुमंडलीय/आयनमंडलीय/ अन्तरिक्ष मौसम अनुसंधान में अनुभव। (अथवा) वायुमंडलीय/अन्तरिक्ष अनुसंधान के लिए– यंत्रीकरण या संकेत संसाधन में अनुभाव। (अथवा) विद्युतचुंबकीय अभिकलन में अनुभव। Experience in Earth- or planetary - atmospheric / ionospheric/ space weather research. (or) Experience in Instrumentation - or signal processing - for atmospheric / space research. (or) Experience in Electromagnetic computation

[ओएच– अस्थि विकलांगता, एचआई–बहरा] / [OH – Orthopedically Handicapped, HI – Hearing Impaired]

आयु सीमा/Age Limit : आवेदन की प्राप्ति की अंतिम तारीख तक 40 वर्ष से कम होनी चाहिए।/ **Preferably below 40 years as on last date of receipt of applications;**

सूचना/Note : दिव्यांगजन, भूतपूर्व सैनिक, अन्य पिछड़े वर्ग और अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के लिए भारत सरकार के आदेशानुसार उच्चतम आयु सीमा मे छूट लागू है।/ Relaxation in maximum age limit is applicable for PWD, Ex-Servicemen, OBC and SC/ST as per Govt. of India orders.

सूचना/Note :(अ) ऊपर उल्लिखित पदों की संख्या अनंतिम है तथा संस्था की वास्तविक आवश्यकताओं के आधार पर इसमें परिवर्तन हो सकता है।

(आ) सरकार एक ऐसे कर्मचारी गण के लिए प्रयास करती है जो लिंग संतुलन की अभिव्यक्ति करता है और महिला उम्मीदवारों को आवेदन देने हेतु प्रोत्साहित किया जाता है।

Note : (a) The number of posts indicated above are provisional and may vary depending on the actual requirements of the Organisation.
(b) Government strives to have a workforce which reflects gender balance and women candidates are encouraged to apply.

आवेदन की विधि/ How to apply :

इच्छुक उम्मीदवार विस्तृत सूचना और ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र भरने के दिशा–निर्देशों के लिए वेबसाइट **www.narl.gov.in** देखें। आवेदन ऑनलाइन किये जाने चाहिए। आवेदक का ई–मेल अईडी अनिवार्य रूप से आवेदन मे दिया जाए। ऑनलाइन आवेदन के लिए साइट **08.08.2020 (10:00 बजे) से 07.09.2020 (23:59 बजे)** तक खुली रहेगी। ऑनलाइन आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने के तत्पश्चात्, प्रमाणपत्रों की स्वयं–सत्यापित प्रतियों के साथ मुद्रित ऑनलाइन आवेदन की प्रति को **प्रशासनिक अधिकारी, राष्ट्रीय वायुमंडलीय अनुसंधान प्रयोगशाला, पोस्ट बॉक्स सं.123, एस वी विश्वविद्यालय डाक घर, तिरूपति – 517 502, आंध्र प्रदेश को भेजें जिससे कि यह 17 सितम्बर 2020 को अथवा इससे पहले पहुँच जानी चाहिए।**

Interested candidates may visit the web-site **www.narl.gov.in** for detailed information and guidelines for filling up of **online** application form. Applications should be submitted on-line. E-mail ID of the applicant will have to be given in the application compulsorily. The online application site will remain open from **08.08.2020 (10:00 Hrs) to 07.09.2020 (23:59 Hrs)**. After on-line submission, the printed on-line application along with the self-attested copies of the certificates should be sent to **THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, NATIONAL ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH LABORATORY, P.B.No. 123, S.V. UNIVERSITY Post Office, TIRUPATI – 517502, A.P. so as to reach on or before 17th September 2020.**

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Office of ICAR-NAHEP-IDP of TANUVAS,
Madras Veterinary College, Vepery, Chennai – 600 007.

NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

Bids are requested for the procurement of **"High-end microscope with large digital display – 16 nos"** under ICAR-NAHEP-IDP of TANUVAS scheme. The bidding document may be downloaded free of cost from **www.tanuvas.ac.in, idpoftanuvas.com** and **nahep.icar.gov.in.**

Starting date for downloading bids	:	10.08.2020, 10:00 AM
Last date for downloading bids	:	10.09.2020, 5:00 PM
Last date for submission of bids	:	11.09.2020, 3:30 PM
Date of opening of bids	:	11.09.2020, 4:00 PM

Questions to be addressed by mail to **idp@tanuvas.org.in**

DIPR/2970/TENDER/2020

Professor and Head & IDP Coordinator,
MVC, TANUVAS, Chennai – 600 007.

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CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

PR Ref .No: 230975
NIT No.: JUIDCO/FO/KT–BB/Cons/2020/344
Tender ID: 2020_UDD_45628_1
Project Name: Request for Proposal for selection of consultant for preparation of Detailed Project Report and providing Project Management Consultancy services for balance work of under construction Flyover from Yogoda Ashram, Bahubazar to Shantinagar, Kokar via Kantatoli Chowk in Ranchi, Jharkhand.

The tender of NIT No: **JUIDCO/FO/KT–BB/Cons/2020/344** bearing Tender ID: - **2020_UDD_45628_1** is hereby ***cancelled*** as no bids were received in response. All bidders are requested to wait for next call in this regard.

PR 231531 Urban Development and Housing(20-21).D

Sd/-
Project Director (Technical)
JUIDCO, Ranchi

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri Muniyappa and others** has filed the petition death certificate deceased Byamma W/o. Munisonnappa who was died on 10-08-1955 at Koira Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk. If any parties who are objections or climes may disputes regarding the same could appear before the Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. Court at **Devanahalli** and **date of hearing on 29/08/2020** at 11.00 A.M. in **C. Misc. No. 132/2020.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
DEVARAJA B.A.,-Advocate- Devanahalli Town

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri. Srikantappa and Others** have filed the petition for the death certificate of Venkatalakshmamma W/o. D.N. Srikantappa was died on 29-12-2014 at Ward No. 22, Prashanthnagara, Bychapur Road, Devanahalli town, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may disputes regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. at **Devanahalli** and **date of hearing on 11/09/2020** at 11.00A.M. in **C. Misc. No. 133/2020.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri H.N. Srinivasamurthy-Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri Muniyappa and others** has filed the petition death certificate deceased Muniyamma W/o. Munishamappa who was died on 20-06-1985 at Koira Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk. If any parties who are objections or climes may disputes regarding the same could appear before the Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. Court at **Devanahalli** and **date of hearing on 29/08/2020** at 11.00 A.M. in **C. Misc. No. 131/2020.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
DEVARAJA B.A.,-Advocate- Devanahalli Town

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri Muniyappa and others** has filed the petition death certificate deceased Munisonnappa S/o. Mara who was died on 10-02-1960 at Koira Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk. If any parties who are objections or climes may disputes regarding the same could appear before the Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. Court at **Devanahalli** and **date of hearing on 29/08/2020** at 11.00 A.M. in **C. Misc. No. 130/2020.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
DEVARAJA B.A.,-Advocate- Devanahalli Town

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Smt. Marakka and others** have filed the petition for the death of Muniyamma W/o Late Munishamappa was died on 27-09-2009 at Yadiyuru Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. **At Devanahalli** and **date of hearing on 11/09/2020** at 11.00 A.M. In **C. Misc. No. 124/2020.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri N. Chikkegowda-Advocate- Devanahalli Town

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No. KMSCL/KEMP(MMC)/T01(R)/2020 **Dated : 07.08.2020**

E-TENDER NOTICE (Re-tender)

Online bids are invited for operating
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in various Districts of Kerala.

online bids are invited from experienced operators for the operation of Mobile Medical Clinics for the tribal areas of Kerala. Last date of online submission of bids is 22.08.2020, 05.00 p.m. Date of opening of online technical bid: 26.08.2020, 11.00 a.m. Tender documents and all other information relating to the experience of the bidder and bidding process can be downloaded from the website: www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

Sd/- Managing Director(Tender Inviting Authority)

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I BENGALURU

No. 4, 2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560025

DCP No.4243/2006

United Western Bank,
IDBI Bank Limited, 11, First Cross, Gandhinagar, PB No. 9931, Bengaluru-560009.
......Certificate Holder

Versus
M/s Barron Chill Thrill and another
......Certified Debtors

DEMAND NOTICE

1. M/s Barron Chill Thrill, Represented by its Prop. Sri G P Prabhu, No. 31, Ground Floor, 2nd Main, Vyalikaval, Opp. Canara Bank, Palace Orchards, Bashyam Circle, Bengaluru-560003.
2. Smt. Vijaya P Prabhu, W/o Mr. Prakash Prabhu, No. 63/2, 15th Cross, 2nd Temple Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.
3. Smt. Prajwal P Prabhu, D/o Mr. Prakash Prabhu, No. 20, 8th Main, 9th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003. **..... Certificate Debtors**

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No. 128/2005** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on 28th November 2006, an amount of **Rs.51,79,947/-** (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Seven Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filing of O.A.s till realization.
you are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
b) all cost, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this 01st Day of July 2020.

Sd/- (Rajasekharan. R)
RECOVERY OFFICER - I
DRT - I, Bengaluru

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:
"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment."
3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of Last 5 Year.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients Mr. R. Padmanabhan and Mr. P. Kiran Kumar have entered into Agreement of Sale dated 03.02.2020 with Sri. S. Muralidhar, S/o Sri V.L. Subbarao and Smt. Girija, W/o Sri S. Muralidhar both residing at No. 13, 3rd Cross, 'D' Block, Krishna Gardens, RVCE Post, Bengaluru - 560 059 to purchase the property described in the schedule below and has paid an advance of Rs.20,00,000/- [Rupees Twenty Lakhs]. The public is hereby warned not to enter into any type of sale transaction with the aforesaid persons with regard to the schedule property. Any transaction entered into between with the said Sri S. Muralidhar and Smt. Girija will not be binding on our clients and they will be do so at their own risk.

SCHEDULE

All the right, title and interest in the house property constructed on the site bearing No. 13 and Property bearing No.2597/2576/10/6/13, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq. feet carved from the land bearing Sy.No. 10/6 of Pattanagere, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, with a built up area 15 squares. The House property owned and possessed by the Vendors is situated in Krishna Garden Layout, Mylasandra, Block-D, 3rd Cross, Bengaluru, within the limits of BBMP and bounded as follows:
East by : Property No.2, West by : Road, North by : Property No.14, South by : Property No. 12.

J. ARAVIND BABU, Advocate
Office-Cum-Residence
No. 98, 3rd Cross, GKW Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 040. Mobile No.9964015453

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Smt. Eramma and others** have filed the petition for the death of Byamma W/o Late Bachappa was died on 15-03-2003 at Maralukunte Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. **At Devanahalli** and **date of hearing on 11/09/2020** at 11.00 A.M. In **C. Misc. No. 126/2020.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri N. Chikkegowda-Advocate- Devanahalli Town

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri Muniyappa and others** has filed the petition death certificate deceased Munishamappa S/o. Munishamappa who was died on 10-08-1990 at Koira Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk. If any parties who are objections or climes may disputes regarding the same could appear before the Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. Court at **Devanahalli** and **date of hearing on 29/08/2020** at 11.00 A.M. in **C. Misc. No. 129/2020.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
DEVARAJA B.A.,-Advocate- Devanahalli Town

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Smt. Eramma and others** have filed the petition for the death of Bachappa S/o Late Erannanavara Munishamappa was died on 21-03-1983 at Maralukunte Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. **At Devanahalli** and **date of hearing on 11/09/2020** at 11.00 A.M. In **C. Misc. No. 125/2020.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri N. Chikkegowda-Advocate- Devanahalli Town

DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI - 221004

Bid No.:E-32/2020-21 **E-Tender Notice** **Date: 05.08.2020**

E-tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only E-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence:-S.No.- Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity. S.N. 1, 05205213, (24.08.2020), **Standard hand set Tool,** 20 Nos., S.N. 2, 05191031C, (24.08.2020), **C.C. Insert SNMG, Part No. 72030446,** 300 Nos., S.N. 3, 05191099C, (24.08.2020), **Leak test Gauge Attachment, Part No. 15610410,** 33 Nos., S.N. 4, 05201711, (25.08.2020), **Gas Cutting torch, Part No. 76901968,** 52 Nos., S.N. 5, 05201714, (25.08.2020), **(i) Flame Cutting Nozzle, Part No. 76905305,** 38 Nos., **(ii) Flame Cutting Nozzle, Part No. 76218004,** 21 Nos., S.N. 6, 05201715, (25.08.2020), **Double stage Argon, Part No. 76218790,** 139 Nos., S.N. 7, 05201676, (01.09.2020), **Rubber hand gloves, Part No. 75321543,** 276 Pairs, S.N. 8, 05201680, (01.09.2020), **Safety Face shield, Part No. 76905275,** 3000 Nos., S.N. 9, 05201688, (01.09.2020), **P240 grit PSA gold sanding disc, Part No. 70109886,** 176 Nos., S.N. 10, 05201689, (01.09.2020), **Tack Cloth, Part No. 70109904,** 2480 Nos., S.N. 11, 05201690, (01.09.2020), **P80 Grit PSA gold sanding Disc, Part No. 70109916,** 171 Nos., S.N. 12, 05201697, (01.09.2020), **Apron PVC acid proof, Part No. 75320095,** 111 Nos., S.N. 13, 05201705, (01.09.2020), **Compression Tester, Part No. 15610986,** 2 Set, S.N. 14, 05201706, (01.09.2020), **Hss T/S extra long Drill, Part No. 72219002,** 6 Nos., S.N. 15, 05201707, (01.09.2020), **CC Insert, Part No. 72211179,** 208 Nos., S.N. 16, 05205214, (01.09.2020), **3/4" Sq. drive micrometer torque wrench,** 2 Nos., S.N. 17, 05205115, (01.09.2020), **1/2" Sq. drive micrometer torque wrench,** 5 Nos., S.N. 18, 05205219, (01.09.2020), **Four leg wire rope sling,** 11 Nos., S.N. 19, 05205229, (01.09.2020), **Heavy duty impact wrench size 3/4" Sq. drive,** 02 Nos. **Note:** Details terms and conditions can be seen and Hindi version also on website **www.dlw.indianrailways.gov.in** & **http://www.ireps.gov.in** and tender can fill up on the same website.

PRO/DLW/S-37 **PCMM**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our clients have negotiated with Mr. H. Satish Babu, S/o Late T. Hari, aged about 49 years and Mr. H. Prashanth, S/o Late T. Hari, aged about 42 years, both are residing at No.802, 7th Main, 1st Cross, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore – 560 008, to purchase the Schedule Property for valuable consideration. It is represented to our clients that Mr. H. Satish Babu and Mr. H. Prashanth have jointly purchased the Schedule Property from Mr. N. V. Umesh, S/o Late Vasudev Bhat, under the Sale Deed dated 20th May 2005, registered as Document No.KRI-1-04012/2005-06, with the office of the Sub Registrar, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property is called upon to lodge such claim(s) with the undersigned, with supporting documents **within 7 days** from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our clients to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to Mr. H. Satish Babu's & Mr. H. Prashanth's joint right, title and interest in the schedule property and proceed with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant Site formed by Bangalore Development Authority now bearing Municipal Khatha No.3AC-108, BBMP PID No.84-138-3AC-108, situated at East of NGEF Layout [Kasturinagar], BBMP Ward No.84 [Benniganahalli ward], Bengaluru, measuring East to West 12.20 meter, North to South 18.30 meter, totally measuring 223.26 Sq. Meters or 2400 Sq. feet, and bounded on the East by : Site No. 3AC-110, West by : Site No. 3AC-106, North by : 3rd A Cross Road and South by : Site No. 3C-107

M/s. B.M. Associates,
Advocates & consultants,
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100 feet Road, Indiranagar I stage,
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SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provisio to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is here by given to public in general and in particular to Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Karnataka Bank Ltd, the Secured Creditor on **17.09.2019,** will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" on **16.09.2020** for total recovery of **₹ 3,16,59,991.50 (Rupees Three Crores Sixteen Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One and Paisa Fifty Only) i.e ₹2,47,87,007.50 under PSOD A/c No.1047000601212901, ₹ 16,88,804.00 under PDPN A/c No.1047001400525901, ₹ 51,84,180.00 under Protested Bill A/c No.1047003900000301** along with future interest from 01.08.2020, 25.07.2020 and 01.08.2020 respectively, **plus costs,** due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd - Bengaluru Basaveshwarnagar Branch,** the Secured creditor from - **(1) M/s Thirumala Constructions Represented by Proprietor Mr.Babu P,** No.356, 2nd Floor, 4th Main Road, CQAL Layout, Sahakaranagara, Bengaluru-560092, **(2) Mr.Babu P** S/o Mr.Vengamaraju P, **(3) Mrs.Sarala P** W/o Mr.Babu P, **No.2 & 3 are addressed at:** No.356, 2nd Floor, CQAL Layout, Sahakaranagara, Bengaluru - 560092, **(4) Mr.Narase Gowda** S/o Mr.Thimme Gowda, **(5) Mrs.Yasoda** W/o Mr.Narase Gowda **No.4 & 5 are addressed at:** No.8, 8th Cross, Ganapathi Nagara, Bengaluru-560026, being the borrowers/ guarantors/ mortgagors.

Reserve Price/Upset Price below which the property may not be sold: ₹ 2,08,35,100/- (Rupees Two Crores Eight Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand One Hundred Only)

Description of Property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money deposit	Date & Time of Auction
All that piece and parcel of Residential property measring East to West 50 feet & North to South - 40+49/2 ft (i.e total area 2225 Sq.ft) bearing Municipal No.3/6-8, along with residential building constructed thereon measuring 6000 Sq.ft, situated at Byatarayanapura Village, presently within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru bearing New No.8, Ward No.41, PID No.41-82-8, 8th Cross, Ganapathinagara, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru. **Boundaries of the land (As per Deed/Actual)** **East by:** Drainage/ strom Water Drain, **West by:** Site No.5 / Site No.3/5, **North by:** Others Property / Others Property, **South by:** Road/ 8th Cross Road.	₹ 2,08,35,100.00 (Rupees Two Crores Eight Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand One Hundred Only)	₹ 20,83,510.00 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Ten Only)	**16.09.2020 from 1.00 P.M to 1.20 P.M**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors)
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website ie.,www.karnatakabank.com under the head "Mortgaged Assets for Sale".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal https://bankauctions.in/ on **16.09.2020** from **1:00 PM to 1:20 PM** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes.The intending bidder/s are required to register their name at https:// bankauctions.in/ and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e *online training on E-auction (tentatively on 15.09.2020)* from M/s 4 Closure, Mr.Sreekanth B (Asst.Manager), No.22, 5th Cross, Gurumahal Extension, Opp: Indian Hotel, K.G.Halli, Jalahalli (West), Bengaluru-560010 Mobile No:9515160061, E-mail: sreekanth@bankauctions.in

Date: 07.08.2020
Place: Bengaluru

For Karnataka Bank Ltd.
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

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ESTD: 1907

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General Manager : 26617980 : Tele Fax : (080) 26617980

POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8 (1) (for immovable property)(Symbolically)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers /legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers /legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule.
The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl. No.	Name of the Loanee	Balance outstanding	Particulars of Immovable Property & Measurement
HEAD OFFICE BRANCH			
1.	Sri. Anantha Murthy H	Demand Notice Dated : **30-12-2019** Possession Notice Dated : **04-08-2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 2,37,45,754/- as on : 04.08.2020**	<u>1st Schedule :</u> Property & Measurement : **Old No. 3/339 thereafter Property No. 339/2, New No. 1/1 OTC Road 4th Cross Road, BBMP Ward No. 28 of Chickpet , PID No. 28-232-1/1, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : 25 feet & North to South : 10 feet,** East by : **Private Property,** West by : **4th Cross Road (Chickpet),** North by : **Property No. 1/3,** South by: **Property No. 1/2.** <u>2nd Schedule:</u> Property & Measurement : **Old No. 3/339 thereafter Property No. 339/2 New No.½ OTC Road, 4th Cross, Road BBMP Ward No.28 of Chickpet, PID No.28-232-1/2, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : 25 feet & North to South : 10 feet,** East by : **Private Property,** West by : **4th Cross Road (Chickpet),** North by : **Property No. 1/1,** South by: **Private property.** <u>3rd Schedule:</u> Property & Measurement : **Old No. 3/339 thereafter Property No. 339/1 New No.¼ OTC Road 4th Cross Road BBMP Ward No. 28 of Chickpet PID No. 28-232-1/4, Bengaluru.** Measuring: East to West : **25 feet & North to South : 20 feet, (In the first floor Southern Portions)** East by : **Private property,** West by : **4th Cross Road (Chickpet),** North by : **Northern portion property belongs to Sri. Anjan Kumar,** South by : **Private property .**
2.	Sri. Prakash Y	Demand Notice Dated : **24.01.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **04-08-2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs.73,85,580/- as on : 04.08.2020**	Property & Measurement : **No.5/1, 3rd Main Road, S.R. Nagara, BBMP Ward No. 77 of Sampangiramanagar, PID No. 77-39-5/1, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : 36 feet & North to South : 28.6 feet,** East by: **Property belongs to Sri. Manjunatha** West by: **Road** North by: **Private Property** South by: **Private Property.**
3.	Sri. Manjunatha. M. P	Demand Notice Dated : **18.11.2019** Possession Notice Dated : **04-08-2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs.1,04,89,116/- as on : 04.08.2020**	Property & Measurement : **No.24, CSI Compound 1st Cross, BBMP Ward No. 48 of Sudhamanagar, PID No. 48-88-24, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **North : 72 feet, South – East : 52 feet South West : 49 ½** North : **Road** South-East : **Private property** South-West : **Private Schedule C property**
H.R.B.R LAYOUT BRANCH			
4.	Sri. Sreenivas. R	Demand Notice Dated : **16.09.2019** Possession Notice Dated : **04-08-2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 3,19,38,257/- as on : 04.08.2020**	Property & Measurement : **No. 11-6-147, Municipal Khatha No. 2871, Assessment No. 2510A/2404, Revenue Extract No. 1027, Property/Assessment No. 3241/2510/A, Situated at 3rd Division, Sidlaghatta Nagara, Sabhe Sidlaghatta Town, Sidlaghatta Taluk, Chikka Ballapura Taluk,** Measuring : **East to West : (90+130)/2 feet & North to South:(195+275)/2 feet,** East by : **Bhudala Krishnappa & Others property,** West by : **Municipal Road,** North by : **Municipal Road,** South by : **Chinthamani Sidlagatta Main Road.**

Date : 07.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that my client **Mrs. MUMTAZ FATHIMA,** Daughter of Javeed Mumtaz, Grand Daughter of Late Meer Nasiruddin, Aged about 30 years, Residing at No. 1, Old No. 1254, 3rd Main Road, Dr. Ambedkar Layout, Kaval Byrasandra, RT. Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 032, have lost the original Sale Deed dated 04-07-2003 which is duly registered as Document No. 9932/03-04, of book I, Stored in CD No. 132, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, executed by Mrs. V.N. Saraswathi Padmanabhan, in favour of Meer Nasiruddin and Syeda Saleemunnisa.
Any person found the said Sale Deed, they may contact at the address mentioned above. In this regard my client lodge a complaint at Crime Branch, Bangalore City.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of Western portion of the Property bearing Old Site Nos. 1199 and 1200, Old Khatha No. 994, carved out of Survey Nos. 51/2A and 51/2B, situated at Kavalbyrasandra, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, now known as Corporation No. 6, situated at 2nd Main Road, Ambedkar Layout, Bangalore City Corporation Ward No. 95, after bifurcation comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, New Municipal No. 6/1, 2nd Main Road, Ambedkar Layout, BBMP, Bangalore, PID No. 95-57-6/1, and bounded on: East by: Remaining portion of the same property, West by : Private Property, North by : Property No. 1198, South by : 30 Feet Road.

SAYEED MUMTAZ
Advocate
No. 75, H.K.P. Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-51
Mobile - 9886325402. Date : 7-8-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the property bearing Sy.No. 12/1 situated DODDABETTAHALLI VILLAGE Bangalore north Taluk, measuring 5 acres 07 guntas is owned and possessed by Sri Sheshiah s/o late. Venkatasubbaiah who is our client. This his property belongs to him absolutely.
Further there is an Regular Second Appeal pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in RSA No 1757/2011, wherein there is an order dt. 19/10/12 directing not to change the nature of the land over the property. The said orders are operative till date.
This being the position some land mafia people and third parties led by one Zaheer Pasha, Saira Bhanu and Mylarappa and others are trying to alienate the property by misleading and misrepresenting that the property belongs to them. In fact Zaheer pasha and Saira Bhanu claim on the basis of a second fraudulent sale deed executed by Mylarappa which is by itself amounts to cheating.
Further it has come to our knowledge that by fraudulently stating Sy.No.12/1 as 12/8, they are trying to defraud the general public of crores of rupees and this notice is issued to be aware of this act.
Recently the High court of Karnataka has further issued orders on 15/7/2020 directing the police to enforce the court interim order dt. 19.10.12 with police force.
The public are hereby warned not to deal with the property and if they do so they will be spending money for nothing and will be duped. For this our clients will not be responsible if they transact in respect to the above property. Further Clarification the contact person.

KN SUBBA REDDY AND ASSOCIATES
#200, 11th Cross, Wilson Garden,
Bangalore-27. Ph. No. 9880999611

SREE THYAGARAJA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Head Office No.5, 9th Cross, Narasimharaja Colony, Bangalore – 560 019. Telephone: 080-22958156, 22958157 ,

TENDER - CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 R/W RULE 8 & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES

Whereas, **1) Mr.T R Mohan S/o Late T R Raghavendra Rao (2) Mrs.Vanaja Pandith S W/o T R Mohan,** No.1503, Ground Floor, 23rd Main, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070 having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **M/s.Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore,** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs.3,09,50,961/-** (Rupees Three Crore Nine Lakh Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty One Only) as on 31.07.2020, along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.
Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of the Properties	Date and Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction	Reserve Price
All that piece and parcel of the property the Southern Portion of the Industrial Site Property bearing Plot No.122/1, PID No.11-163-122/1, 7th Main, 3rd Cross, 3rd Phase, Peenya Industrial Town, Sy. No.89, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 105+110.5/2 feet and North to South 110.75+115/2 feet, totally measuring 12,148 sq. ft. Bounded By: East: 3rd Cross, West: Plot No.121, North: Remaining Portion of the same property belongs to T R Arun Kumar, South: Plot No.134.	**26.08.2020 at 11.30 AM Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore**	**Rs: 4,18,91,152/-** (Rupees Four Crore Eighteen Lakhs Ninety One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Two Only) **EMD:** 10% of the Reserve Price **Rs: 41,89,116/-** (Rupees Forty One Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand One Hundred Sixteen Only)

This Publication is also 15 days notice stipulated under rule 8(6) & 9(1) or Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the above Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors.

(1) The Tender form can be collected from **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,Bangalore, Head Office,** HO No.5, 9th Cross, Narasimharaja Colony,Bangalore - 560 019 (Ph.No.: 080-22958156, 22958157) on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favor of **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore,** - payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore by 25.08.2020 before 7.00 PM.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 AM on 26.08.2020** **(8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and -5.00PM at his/her expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION". The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, M/s Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore, Head Office HO No.5, 9th Cross, Narasimharaja Colony, Bangalore - 560 019 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Contact No.080-22958156, 22958157),) E-Mail: stcb1964@gmail.com

Date: 07.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

A man died after a boiler exploded at a steel manufacturing factory in Bengaluru on Thursday. Police said the deceased Omkar Yadav (39) and Vansant Kumar were working at the factory when the boiler exploded.

TWO AIR MISHAPS WITH MANY SIMILARITIES

Another accident was reported at Mangaluru airport 10 years ago when an Air India Express flight from Dubai crashed; only 8 survived the disaster

DHINESH KALLUNGAL @ T'Puram

THE mishap involving the Air India Express evacuation flight at the Kozhikode airport bears striking similarities with the accident at the Mangalore airport 10 years ago when an Air India Express flight from Dubai with 166 people on board, overshot the runway before bursting into flames. Just eight persons survived that crash.

Capt Zlatko Glusica and co-pilot Capt H S Ahluwalia of the Air India Express flight IX-812, who were quite familiar with the layout of the Mangalore airport, misjudged the length of the runway forcing them to make a last-ditch effort to get the plane airborne after they realised that they had landed way beyond the safe touchdown zone in the tabletop runway.

But on Friday, the pilots didn't attempt any such misadventure like trying to make the aircraft airborne after it overshot the tabletop runway at the Calicut airport. It is not clear at the moment whether it was a wise move by the former Indian Air Force (IAF) test pilot Captain D V Sathe and his co-pilot, which helped bring down the number of causalities. A crew member, who emerged from the ill-fated Air India Express flight, told airport authorities that the flight didn't try to land for sometime due to poor visibility and they attempted touchdown only after the visibility improved.

The flight also landed safely and it was while making a U-turn on the runway that the aircraft went out of control and veered off the surface, crashing against the compound wall and plunging down onto the road 35 feet below the tabletop runway. The aircraft split into two, nearly separating the cockpit from the fuselage and the pilots were taken out of the aircraft after breaking open the cockpit.

While the aircraft involved in the Mangalore mishap had caught fire soon after the accident, here the flight didn't burst into flames which also reduced the causalities. Since the flight landed almost safely, the speed was relatively low than the aircraft involved in the Mangalore accident where speed was very high as the pilots were trying make the aircraft airborne when they realised that it was going to crash. Aviation expert Jacob K Philip said, "Whether the pilots were trying to save the lives of passengers can be ascertained only after a detailed inquiry." But the background of the two accidents bear an uncanny similarity and the same airline's aircraft were involved in both the accidents.

DECEASED IDENTIFIED SO FAR

1. Captain Deepak Vasant Sathe
2. Co-pilot Akhilesh Kumar
3. C P Rajeevan (61), Kozhikode
4. Sharafudheen (35), Kozhikode
5. Saheer Sayeed (38), Malappuram
6. Mohammad Riyas VP (23), Palakkad

Rescue operation under way after an Air India Express flight with passengers on board skidded off the runway while landing in Kozhikode on Friday

Whether the pilots were trying to save the lives of passengers can be ascertained only after a detailed inquiry
Jacob K Philip, Aviation expert

One of the people injured in the Air India Express flight accident is brought for treatment to the Medical College Hospital in Kozhikode on Friday

CRASHES IN THE PAST

Aug 7; 2020
An Air India Express flight from Dubai to Kozhikode crashed after veering off the runway during landing.

Dec 27; 2018
Two Navy sailors were killed when one of the helicopter hangar doors of the Indian Naval Air Squadron 322 collapsed at INS Garuda, Kochi

Sept 5, 2017
Abu Dhabi-Kochi Air India Express flight Boeing 737-800 carrying 108 pax onboard skidded off the taxiway and landed in the nearby drain at the Kochi airport

Nov 21, 2017
A remotely-piloted aircraft of the Indian Navy crashed during takeoff just outside the Naval Base in Kochi

February 26, 2015
An Air India flight bound for Sharjah from New Delhi (AI 467) with 138 passengers on board suffered a tyre burst while landing at Kochi airport.

Aug 22, 2015
A Jet Airways aircraft made a 'blind' landing at the Trivandrum International Airport in its seventh attempt after running dangerously low on fuel due to the six previous failed landing attempts

August 29, 2011
seven people were injured when a Gulf Air aircraft with 137 passengers and six crew members on board overshot the runway at the Kochi airport and came to rest in slush in 2011.

Frantic kids among those in hospitals

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THE injured screaming out of pain, children searching for parents and others trying to figure out what has befallen them all of a sudden. This was the scene at half a dozen hospitals in Kozhikode when the deceased and injured passengers of ill-fated Air India Express flight IX 1344 were wheeled in on stretchers around 9.30pm.

The plane skidded off the tabletop runway while landing at Calicut International Airport at 7.40pm, fell on to a road below and broke into two on Friday night.

"We initially thought it was a minor incident. Then ambulances kept coming. Twenty-four people have been admitted here of whom five died," said a doctor at the casualty wing of Kozhikode Medical College Hospital.

"We didn't get time to figure out what had happened. Some kids were crying, asking for parents. Some lay unconscious..." said S Suresh Thampi, chief marketing officer of Baby Memorial Hospital in the city. The bodies of flight Cmdr Deepak Vasanth Sathe and Capt Akhilesh Kumar were kept at Aster Mims Hospital. "The body of a girl, who must around three-four years old, is here," said a public relations person at Aster Mims. A total of 33 injured passengers of the flight are under treatment at the hospital. The others are at Beach, Maitra, Iqra, Aster Pantheerankavu and Red Crescent Feroke hospitals.

KALASA-BANDURI

Centre quashes Goa's appeal to stay project

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

The Union Jal Shakti ministry turned down the Goa govt's appeal to deny all permission from Central agencies for starting the Kalasa-Banduri project, until petitions filed in the Supreme Court with regard to the project are cleared.

Condemning the way the Centre snubbed the Goa government, Opposition leaders in Goa have urged CM Pramod Sawant to lodge a protest to prevent the diversion of Mahadayi river water. Criticising Sawant for not doing enough to prevent Karnataka from going ahead with the Kalasa-Banduri project, Goa Forward Party leader Vinod Palekar, said measures were taken earlier to prevent Karnataka from going ahead with work when Manohar Parrikar was Chief Minister. Sawant has not taken measures to protect the interests of Goa, he alleged.

Sources said the Centre wrote to the Goa CM on Thursday stating that Goa's request to halt permission to the Karnataka government was not tenable.

EXPRESS READ

Health workers want jobs regularised

Bengaluru: Accredited Social Health Activists, Anganwadi and mid-day meal workers staged a protest at Maurya Circle in Bengaluru on Friday, demanding job regularisation and minimum wages. The workers submitted a memorandum listing their various demands to the Governor. **ENS**

1 booked in elephant electrocution case

Bengaluru: The recent electrocution of a prime tusker in Chikkamagaluru has been resolved with the arrest of an offender. The July 31 incident occurred due to large scale encroachment between Yemmedoddi and Kamenhalli Reserve Forest, and illegal electrification of farm fences. A chargesheet will be filed in 4-5 days. **ENS**

DEJA VU: K'TAKA SEES REPEAT OF '19 FLOODS

(Left) A bridge was submerged on the Ugar–Ainapur Road in Kagwad taluk, Belagavi district, on Friday. Two senior officials, one each from Karnataka and Maharashtra, will be deputed soon to coordinate the release of water from all dams on either side of the border to avoid floods; the Parashurama Temple in Nanjangud is submerged due to rising water levels in Kabini river on Friday | EXPRESS, UDAYSHANKARS

Flood alert in KRS, Kabini dam areas

Mysuru: With incessant rains in Kodagu district over the last four days increasing inflows into the KRS dam, the irrigation department has released 30,000 cusecs of water from the reservoir. The district administration asked people living in low-lying areas and near Cauvery river to move to safer places. The Deputy Commissioner's office said that the discharge will be further increased to 50,000 cusecs. The KRS level stood at 115.8 ft as against the maximum of 124.8 ft. The increase in discharge from Kabini reservoir to 78,000 cusecs is likely to inundate the National Highway between Mysuru and Nanjangud. **ENS**

Covid fear keeps people away from relief centres

Mysuru: Residents of Haladakere in Nanjangud are in a catch-22 situation. While the overflowing Kapila river has inundated their houses, Covid fear is stopping them from shifting to a relief centre. The rising water level in the river is giving these families sleepless nights. The discharge of 60,000 cusecs of water has flooded Anjaneya Swamy temple. **ENS**

Dam water levels rise several feet

Shivamogga: Heavy downpour increased the water level in Bhadra reservoir by more than 10 feet and Linganamakki dam by 9 feet in the last 48 hours. The district recorded 87.30 per cent of its rainfall (364.07 mm) for August, while the normal for the entire month is 417.87 mm. Tunga river is in spate. **ENS**

Walls inside Pernem tunnel collapse; trains to be diverted

Landslides in Malnad

C'magaluru: Torrential rains lashing Malnad taluks led to landslides, power outages and crop loss on Friday. A house in Mudigere may collapse any moment, and residents have been moved. Bhadra river flowing over the Hebbale bridge cut off vehicular movement between Horanadu and Kalasa. A land slip occurred on the State Highway 106, while hill slips occurred at 11 areas on Charmadi Ghat Road.

Helpless mom saw kid being washed away

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Police officials visit the spot from where the girl was washed away

THE incident occurred at Ganjigatti village in Kalghatagi taluk late on Thursday afternoon. The mother watched helplessly as **Shridevi Ganiger** was swept away in the gushing water. A few villagers dived in to save the little girl, but in vain. A youth from the same village spotted her in the water but could not rescue her, villagers said.

Kalaghatagi tahsildar Ashok Shiggavi said people usually walk on the road beside the Hirekeri lake even when it is overflowing. "The lake is spread across 110 acres and is considered one of the biggest in the taluk. As soon as we received information, we reached the spot but even after 13 hours of search, there is no sign of the girl. The search will continue on Saturday," he said.

DC Nitesh Patil, Superintendent of Police Vartika Katiyar and others inspected the spot and visited the family of the victim on Friday morning. The DC took stock of the operations.

Basavaraj Sherewad, a relative of the victim, said the family members used to regularly deliver lunch to those working in the fields. Post lunchtime, the water level in the lake had risen due to rain. The current was strong and the girl could not hold on to her mother's hand, he said.

Overflowing water from the lake joins the Bedthi river which takes birth near Hubballi and goes on to join Gangavali river in Uttara Kannada.

Belagavi still flooded, Maha releases water

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TRAFFIC movement on the Mysuru-Nanjangud highway, which connects Kerala and Tamil Nadu, is likely to be disrupted as 78,000 cusecs of water was released from Kabini dam on Friday, resulting in water-logging of the highway. With Kodagu district receiving incessant rains over the past four days and a substantial increase in inflow at the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) reservoir, Water Resources Department officials released 30,000 cusecs of water and the administration has a sounded a flood alert asking people living on the banks of the Cauvery river to move to safer places.

The heavy downpour has affected normal life in Mysuru , Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts. While Kodagu continued to be the worst-hit, the situation was equally bad in many districts, including Uttara Kannada, Shivamogga and Hassan.

Meanwhile, a flood-like situation continues to prevail in Belagavi district as the water level in Krishna river continued to rise after rains in neighbouring Maharashtra, which released water from its dams. Karnataka and Maharashtra have decided to depute senior officers, one from each state, to coordinate the release of water from all dams and rivers on both sides of the border to avoid flooding.

Search ops halted due to bad weather

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THE search operation for five people missing in the landslide at Talacauvery was stymied by continuous downpour, flooded roads and minor landslides on the way to the spot. While the NDRF team has halted at Kashi Mutt in Talacauvery, it is unable to carry out search operations for those missing, including the chief priest of Talacauvery Temple Narayana Achar and his family.

MP Prathap Simha and district in-charge minister V Somanna visited the spot. "The search operation is delayed as roads are inaccessible, and earth movers cannot be taken in as Bhagamandala is submerged. The operation is likely to start tomorrow," confirmed Somanna.

With rain continuing to wreak havoc across Kodagu, the district will be on orange alert till August 11. Many places are cut off following floods, and five relief centres have been opened for the victims. Rapid Antigen Tests are being done on those sheltered at the centres.

The Harangi backwaters have left Kushalnagar, Tavarekere, Koppa, Hebbale and Kanive areas flooded, forcing residents to shift out.

The Madikeri-Mangaluru National Highway is on the verge of collapse near 2nd Monnageri village

Incessant rain has left many houses inundated across Karadigodu village in Kodagu district on Friday | EXPRESS

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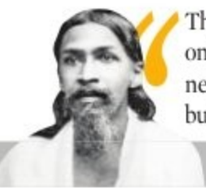

"The acquiring of various kinds of information is only one and not the chief of the means and necessities of education. Its central aim is the building of the powers of the human mind and spirit" — Sri Aurobindo

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— Ramnath Goenka

CENTRE NEEDS TO DO MORE FOR THE ECONOMY'S RECOVERY

Indians are perhaps among the most optimistic people in the world. The Sensex surged 362 points on Thursday, banking on a debt forbearance plan for Indian corporates announced by the RBI; investors simply ignored the dire warning by the same central banker that the real economy was shrinking and shrinking fast. After plummeting to 25,981 points on March 23 due to Covid-19 just ahead of the nationwide lockdown that impacted economic activity, the benchmark Sensex has since boisterously kept rising except for the occasional hiccup and is now trading nearly 12,000 points higher, an increase of over 46%.

In sharp contrast, according to the RBI's statement, industrial production in India shrank by 57.6% in April and by 34.7% in May. The economy as a whole is likely to have shrunk by 20% or so in April-June 2020, according to economists. For the full year, the economy is expected to shrink by anything between 5-10%, among the highest in Asia. The real economy had been slowing down for quite some time even before Covid-19 hit India. Demand had been shrinking as unemployment rose. By December 2019, India's unemployment rate was already at a high of 7.6% as the country's growth engines sputtered. By April it had risen to 23.5%. Though things are better after the economy was unlocked, it's still at 7.7%. The services sector, the country's largest contributor to the economy, according to estimates based on the Purchasing Managers' Index, improved slightly to 34.2 in July from 33.7 in June. But it's still way less than the cut-off level of 50, anything below which indicates a contraction. Sectors like aviation, tourism, sports, leisure, entertainment and restaurant business remain severely crippled.

Hopes of a recovery hinge not only on an end to lockdowns, which may well continue as fresh waves of Covid cases crop in various parts of the country, but on efforts taken by the government to rehabilitate the economy. It has already taken some measures including increasing credit availability, but more needs to be done. A massive spending plan to build infrastructure that could boost both employment and have a knock-on effect on demand for industrial goods may well be the New Deal that the country needs to bank on.

NOT THE TIME FOR POLITICS IN ANDHRA

The Jagan Mohan Reddy government has taken several contentious decisions, none more so than three capitals for the state—executive in Vizag, legislative in Amaravati and judicial in Kurnool. With Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan giving the nod to the AP Decentralisation and Inclusive Development of All Regions Act and the Capital Region Development Authority (Repeal) Act, the executive decision has been taken to its logical conclusion. Nonetheless, it is not yet a fait accompli. The brain behind the ₹1.09 lakh crore dream capital Amaravati, TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, farmers who have given up their land for it and a few others have pinned their hopes on the judiciary in the belief that it will vindicate their stand—that a government is duty-bound to honour its commitments irrespective of the party in power.

The pros and cons of Amaravati and the three capitals have been debated extensively amid protests and a political drama of sorts in the legislature. For the record, the government says it abides by the agreement entered into with the farmers, that it will develop the region as promised and has also extended payment of annuity by five years. The moot question is whether it is compensation enough for the loss of their fertile land and assured dream of prized real estate in a new capital. This will, perhaps, be the critical issue on which the legal battle will be fought. Despite its far-reaching implications, the issue hasn't till date ignited regional passions nor has it become an emotive issue except, of course, in the Amaravati region since the farmers there are the first casualty of the three capital move. None other Naidu himself admitted it when he announced he would try to create awareness among the people.

The people want development and employment opportunities, hit hard as they are by the Covid-induced economic contraction. A dream capital is the last thing on their minds and neither is it feasible under the circumstances. Therein lies a lesson for Naidu. Instead of instigating the people to 'revolt', he ought to bat for the farmers to secure them a better deal.

The Sri Lanka parliamentary polls have weakened the multi-party Tamil National Alliance. This has made the post-poll revival of ethnic negotiations more complex

RAJAPAKSAS BECOME STRONGER, SPLIT TAMIL VOICES GET WEAKER

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Wednesday's parliamentary polls held no surprises for Sri Lanka watchers. The election has ensured continuity along with political stability that the island nation got with the election of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in November last. Sri Lanka needed stability for ensuring national security and economic revival, and ending the constitutional impasse in the wake of last year's Easter Sunday serial blasts and more recently the Covid-19 pandemic.

With strategic Tamil and Muslim allies, the ruling SLPP-led combine of Rajapaksas (President Gotabaya and Prime Minister Mahinda, a two-term President earlier) has won a two-thirds majority, or 151 seats (including the Speaker) out of a total of 225. Equally important, the poll has sounded the death knell for the nation's two oldest parties. The United National Party (UNP), Sri Lanka's GoP, lost badly to the breakaway SJB headed by ex-deputy Sajith Premadasa, son of former President Ranasinghe Premadasa who was slain by the LTTE. The UNP's long-time boss and three-time PM Ranil Wickremesinghe too could not make the grade.

The UNP's traditional rival, the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP), was weakened after the Rajapaksas walked out to found the SLPP. The party now won a single seat, from the Tamil North, the first in 40 years. The party's former President Maithripala Sirisena could win his parliamentary seat from his native Polonnaruwa district only by contesting on the Rajapaksa SLPP's 'Lotus Bud' symbol.

Indian concerns: Interestingly, Sri Lanka's immediate concerns are also those of neighbouring India's for its southern neighbour. The Sri Lankans have given themselves political stability after five years of failed experimentation with a patently unhappy wedding of inconvenience. The unsuccessful cohabitation between former president Sirisena and PM Wickremesinghe was also the main cause for the nation's multiple woes, barring Covid of course.

Before the Easter Sunday blasts last year, India had provided intelligence all through. Yet, New Delhi had to sit it out when the Sri Lankan establishment did not even send out an extra police constable to the streets on the fateful day, 21 April 2019. Inquiry commissions have since attributed it to the lack of communication between the top two in the government,

Even without it, Sri Lanka's economy was tottering, also due to the previous Rajapaksa regime's profligacy, leading to what amounted to a 'debt trap' involving China. The new government talked of containing the debts, but kept borrowing from China for even non-essential expenditure like building more expressways. But the Easter blasts hit the nation's tourism economy. Just when there were signs of revival, the pandemic struck.

India cannot afford a failed economy in its southern neighbourhood too for more reasons than one. Ahead of the polls, India committed itself to a $400 million currency-swap facility sought by the new regime in Sri Lanka. Their request for an additional $1.1 billion swap facility and three-year moratorium on around $900 million in loans are under continuing negotiations. So possibly is India's engagement with developing the Colombo Port Eastern Container Terminal. The previous government had signed a tripartite deal that also included Japan, but the current rulers are under pressure from labour groups and self-styled Sinhala-Buddhist supra-nationalists to rescind it.

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Baby and the bathwater: India has a more direct involvement in terms of the revival and possible implementation of the 13th Amendment to the island nation's Constitution, effected as far back 1987—or a version suited to the times. India's hopes of helping to find a peaceful conclusion to the ethnic strife did not bear fruit. After three decades of war and violence and the militarily forced exit of the LTTE, 13-A is still the only valid document for the nation's Tamil minority to cling on to.

Owing to India's later-day disposition to the LTTE, there are those in Sri Lanka's Tamil community and polity who have thrown the baby with the bathwater. The parliamentary polls have weakened the multi-party Tamil National Alliance (TNA), with a much lower 10 MPs. Their voice is not the 'sole authorised and authoritative voice' of a majority of Tamils anymore. Two hard-line Tamil nationalist parties have won three seats between them: Former Supreme Court judge C V Wigneswaran has won a lone seat for the Tamil People's Alliance (TPA) and Gajendra Kumar Ponnambalam's Tamil National People's Front (TNPF) has got two. Three pro-Rajapaksa Tamil parties in the North and the East have won a total of four seats.

This has made the post-poll revival of ethnic negotiations more complex and uncertain. It has also come in the midst of the Rajapaksas' eagerness to fast-track other promised 'constitutional reforms' on restoring executive power, haphazardly taken away under the predecessor regime's 19th Amendment, that too when the iron is still hot.

Linked to the political solution for the ethnic issue is the UNHRC resolution on a war crimes probe that will come up for a crucial vote in March next year. Nearer home, civil society is concerned about the possible return of authoritarianism, securitisation and worse—but that is for the people to vote upon, when the much-delayed elections to the nine Provincial Councils are held sooner than later.

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NEP: THE MIDAS TOUCH GOLD MINE

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The recently announced new National Education Policy (NEP) resounds with sound and substance, reminding us of the Pokhran moment. This EduPokhran is a potent intellectual weapon that can propel India's march in the global eduscape. Visionary policies like these lay down education highways for high-speed growth. The key to a successful journey lies in the policy and implementation pathway that needs to be free of unnecessary roadblocks, speed breakers and 'toll booths'.

As articulated by PM Narendra Modi, the NEP has successfully managed to polish the rough contours of policymaking by dismissing the 'one size fits all' model to accommodate emerging models of teaching and learning from KG to 12 to PhD with a MIDAS golden touch of Modularity, Interdisciplinarity, Diversity, Accessibility and Sustainability. This is through a gentle touch, different from the dreaded squeeze that the education ecosystem was hitherto confronted with. Here are some major relief and reform announcements spanning the entire education value chain along with certain suggestive prescriptions.

New-age school education: The learning life cycle of school-going kids is poised for a transformational 5+3+3+4 punctuated by fun, arts, skills, mother-tongue exposure, modularity and academic curriculum, minus heavy school bags. The multilingual formula provides scope for various state-driven policies for mutual mobility of language teachers and students in the true spirit of language diversity and national unity. The assessment and vertical school level mobility is all set for a merry-go-round journey with ups and downs having different levels of joy and no sorrow. The gross deviance from rote rigour to fine vigour is certainly a boon for the future school-going generations. The triple balance between the body, mind and soul ensures the four-dimensional growth of the five senses to ensure a perfect six-pack learning outcome with prescriptive and interdisciplinary choices. There is also a need to assess and grade schools based on student learning outcomes to ensure that school development coexists with students. High-performing schools need to be incentivised and encouraged with more autonomy and support to propel them into uncharted territories as followed by the schooling system of advanced economies. Such a new-age school education policy provides the much-needed fertility for India's intellectual produce.

Acharya Devo Bhava: The collateral policy shift in teacher education ensures a good value chain linkage, which is essential considering the important role of teachers in school education. The phasing out of standalone teacher education institutions and the four-year integrated B.Ed. programmes will hopefully bring to an end the sorry saga of the existing antiquated and outdated teacher education policy vehicle. There is a need to integrate teacher education with attractive career incentive mechanisms and restore the glory of the noble profession of teaching. In fact, the author, while submitting his comments for the NEP, called for 100% I-T exemption for teachers who submit annual self-attested academic audits that cover the four dimensions of development—self, syllabus, school and society, with wrongful submission leading to penalty and job loss. Still a worthy proposition to pursue in the spirit of 'Acharya Devo Bhava'.

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HigherEd gets taller: Higher education, the catalytic engine with occasional cataclysmic potential, is up for complete revamp. The gradual integration of statutory bodies like the UGC, AICTE, NCTE, etc., into a Higher Educational Council of India (HECI) is a welcome wedding provided there are enough invitees to the *muhurat* stage. The HECI must have a broad representation not only from all Central and state agencies, but also from private institutions, industry and civil societies. The HECI must recognise that there are thinkers and doers outside the existing orbit of policy-making, which has its own exclusivity. The characterisation of higher educational institutions into three types with inbuilt interdisciplinarity and modularity through academic innovations and diversity through technology-enabled access is a boon that needs to be granted when asked for. Moving forward, higher education institutions shall emerge as differentiators and not just aggregators and for this transformational shift, the HECI must be fuelling change agents and not gruelling approval engines. The shift in higher education to taller heights of governance, standards, funding and accreditation needs a broader policy outlook, failing which the intended objectives may fall flat.

Research excellence: The NEP's research encouragement through the NSF-type National Research Foundation is symptomatic of equal treatment to all institutions; one hopes that this symptom continues on the field. Recognising the fact there is good amount of research happening in private higher educational institutions, funding should flow outside the conventional portals of public institutions that have so far been receiving all the required encouragement to make the research funding diversity a big plus. The NEP also mentions tax incentives raising the hopes of the revival of the accelerated tax exemption given by the Ministry of Finance to corporate donors who provide the much-needed financial support for research institutions.

I am reminded of Nani Palkhivala who once said, and I twist a little—"Five-year governments in four-year action with three-year tenured bureaucrats having two-year targets and one-year reviews will rely on the common man to solve their day-to-day problems." Hope it doesn't happen for education, as the MIDAS touch of NEP has left its fingerprints in all educational spheres and dimensions. It is for the policymakers and implementing agencies to harvest this gold mine of opportunities.

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Stopping landslides

A major landslide has taken place in Munnar due to heavy rains and at least 10 people have died. This tragic situation happens every year during the monsoon. Each time, we are shocked for a few days but forget about it afterwards. Authorities must take long-term action to reduce the damage caused by these landslides.
Ravi Sankar KA, Kochi

Haven't learnt from past

The fire at Shrey hospital in Ahmedabad is a grim reminder that we haven't learnt any lessons from similar tragedies in the past. It seems the hospital had not renewed its fire department NOC for several years. This shows how corrupt officials are playing havoc with patients' lives.
P G Menon, Chennai

Comparison not correct

Comparing the struggle for the Ram Janmabhoomi to the fight for freedom as PM Narendra Modi has done does not seem proper. The latter was a relentless and collective fight against imperialistic rule while the struggle for the Janmabhoomi was essentially a dispute between two communities.
Sudhakar Cherukunnu, Kannur

Pak's mischievous map

With some of India's neighbours laying claim on our territories, Pakistan does not seem to want to lag behind and has come out with a new map. Mischievous is its reinvented claim to Junagadh in Gujarat, whose matter had been settled long ago. The rogue nation still has not mended its ways.
Seshagiri Row Karry, Hyderabad

CMO and gold smuggling

There is no doubt that the NIA is systematically inching its way towards establishing the involvement of the CMO in the gold smuggling case. The reach and power of former principal secretary Sivasankar was so great that he doesn't seem to have been answerable even to the chief minister.
K R Parvathy, Mysuru

Humane touch needed

This is with reference to *On new role for cops in Kerala's Covid fight* (Aug 7). As the editorial rightly points out, this is not a law-and-order problem; it must be dealt with a humane touch. In the initial stages, there were a lot of complaints about police excesses. The police and health departments should work in tandem to tame the contagion.
M Haneef, Kottayam

Cong can't take credit

This is with reference to *Three hundred and one ways to Ram Rajya* (Aug 7). As pointed out, the Congress cannot claim credit for the temple's construction. Whatever party leaders such as Priyanka Gandhi Vadra may say or tweet, the Congress will remain a villain in this political story of Ramayan.
Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

Better salaries for teachers

This is with reference to *NEP and education for the future* (Aug 7). The author has touched upon some pragmatic issues in the implementation of the NEP. Efforts have to be made to attract the best and brightest in the country to take up teaching and better salaries must be paid. Only then will we be able to bring in professionalism.
C Ghanshyam, Visakhapatnam

Better infra needed

The author has highlighted the issues over the implementation of Early Childhood Care and Learning. There is a need for better infrastructure, well-trained caretakers and qualified teachers. The NEP seems more oriented to the private sector. Quality and affordability of education must be the guiding parameters for policymakers.
Chilaka Venkateswarlu, Chennai

Medium of instruction

The freedom to choose the language of instruction in schools should be given to parents. The government should provide such an option to them, while ensuring schools for all languages of instruction are affordable.
V Krishnaswami, email

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Amit Shah @AmitShah
Have spoken to DG NDRF, their team has reached the spot (Idukki in Kerala) to provide all possible assistance to the administration with the rescue work.

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
My condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in the landslide in Munnar, Kerala. I request the State Govt to bring those trapped to safety.

J P Nadda @JPNadda
My thoughts are with bereaved families. I urge party workers to provide all possible relief, following all health protocols.

NEP will usher in a 'new Bharat', says secy

Amit Khare says egalitarian new policy will help reduce elitism in education, encourage students to be job creators

THE National Education Policy's focus would be on teaching and learning and not just on degrees, said Higher Education secretary ***Amit Khare*** *in a conversation with* ***Prabhu Chawla****, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express, and author and senior journalist* ***Kaveree Bamzai*** *on TNIE's Expressions, a series of live web casts with people who matter.*

Calling it an egalitarian policy, he said it would help reduce elitism in education. "It is exactly the other way round. By having more control of us, we are supporting more elitism. By having a more decentralised and autonomous approach, it will lead to 'Bharat' rather than having a focus on India," Khare said on a query whether the policy will encourage more of India and less of 'Bharat'.

Asked what kind of new Indian is there likely to emerge, following this policy, Khare said one who is 'grounded yet with global outlook'.

The bigger success of the policy would be to change the mindset of people and encourage students to be job creators and not job seekers alone, said Khare. The flexibility of the policy may work to the potential of people choosing two professions.

On the topic of dissent and dissatisfaction at educational institutions, Khare said, "Dissatisfaction is often because of the straightjacket system. The new system will encourage students to learn as per their desire... dissent is not to be taken as something against the system. Different stakeholders have different systems. The

beauty is to harmonise it."

Regarding the implementation challenges, Khare said the implementation would be gradual so that students can adapt to change. "We do not want to disrupt the educational system. We are taking the implementation challenge to further fine-tune the policies."

"We have made a certain plan. The policy has various parts. The recommendations are further broken down into sub-recommendation. Educational sector is not linear. There is tremendous diversity in terms of institutions. The roadmap is clear," he added.

Implementation is easier with the proper framing of the national curriculum. "The first step would be to make the framework. Experts will make the framework. Once the framework is ready, the next step is to introduce the strategies," he added. "We want the best practices but without losing sight of the reality..Ideally all colleges should be autonomous... some colleges are small. So the policy has taken a mid-path. While some are autonomous, others have to work towards their autonomy."

"There is also a very important recommendation have a single regulator instead of having multiple regulators..there is a single regulator. That Bill is being drafted. By end of September, we will put it in the public domain for the stakeholders to give their comment. Then we can have the Higher Education Commission...multiple educators are reduced. Higher Education Commission is based on self-disclosures and not on inspection of the project," he added.

There would be punishment in case of violations, said Khare. Institutions should worry more about the standard of education and less about inspection, he asserted.

Media cannot be gagged: Govt to SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Friday defended the media's right to report facts and freedom of citizens to know affairs of respective sections of the society while responding to a petition filed in the Supreme Court seeking action against media reports "spreading hatred" over the Nizamuddin Markaz congregation of Tablighi Jamaat.

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, in an affidavit, informed the top court that it cannot gag the media from reporting on the Jamaat issue.

> **A blanket gag order cannot be passed against media reportage, as this could harm the freedom of speech**
>
> I&B Ministry in an affidavit

The Centre claimed that steps have already been taken to prevent any dissemination of false and provocative information, and a blanket gag order cannot be passed against media reportage, as this could harm the freedom of speech and expression and press freedom.

"The Ministry has also taken suitable action against violation of programme codes, including issuance of advisory, warning, running an apology scroll, or taking a channel off air for a specific time period... it is submitted that news reports based on facts cannot be censured under Article 19 (2) of the Constitution," the affidavit stated.

During the hearing, the bench orally observed that the governments in the country did not act until the court directed them.

Advocate Dushyant Dave submitted before the bench regarding news reports on the Jamaat event and insisted that only the government can take action and not the self-regulating bodies governing the media.

RAJASTHAN

With sedition charges dropped, Gehlot tries to pacify Pilot camp

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

CALL it a softening of CM Ashok Gehlot's stance or legal tactic vis-a-vis Sachin Pilot-led Congress rebels; there is much to read into dropping of sedition charges by the Special Operations Group (SOG) over horse-trading of MLAs.

The sedition charges were contained in three FIRs that SOG had filed which involved the alleged toppling of the Gehlot government.

Reacting to the SOG move, state BJP chief Satish Poonia said: "The CM's intention has now been exposed as it is clear that they hatched a conspiracy against their own MLAs to intimidate the Independents and small party MLAs, in the name of SOG and ACB."

The state police's SOG had originally slapped sedition charges against two rebel Congress MLAs – Bhanwarlal Sharma and Vishvendra Singh – and later against Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat after three audio tapes were leaked in mid-July.

The dropping of the charge, reportedly on legal advice, is being seen as a move to pacify the Pilot camp. Bhanwarlal Sharma, who was named in the FIR, had filed a petition before the Rajasthan High Court to either quash the FIR or transfer it to the NIA. Had the NIA got the case, it would have meant the Gehlot government having little control over the probe.

Experts believe the Gehlot government was worried about the outcome of Sharma's petition. The possibility of NIA getting hold of the probe weighed heavy on the state government. Sharma's petition could become infructuous if the sedition charges are dropped.

INDIA RECORDS HIGHEST SINGLE-DAY SPIKE

People being offered 'kaddha' in Bikaner on Friday to strengthen immunity system in fighting against Covid-19 | PTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA registered its sharpest surge of 62,538 new Covid-19 cases overnight as it crossed yet another grim milestone of recording over 2 million confirmed cases of the infectious disease.

According to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare figures, 13,78,105 of the 20,27,074 official cases have recovered, while the country has 6,07,384 active cases at present.

This was the ninth day in a row that the Covid-19 tally rose by more than 50,000 and the death toll climbed to 41,585 with 886 people succumbing to the infection in a 24-hour period.

There were also 6,39,042 Covid-19 tests conducted across states on Thursday which means that the test positivity rate in the country was 9.7 per cent — nearly double the WHO recommended TPR of under 5 per cent to control the pandemic.

Maharashtra recorded its highest single-day spike of 11,514 and its total tally now stands at 4,79,779. It has a whopping 1,46,612 active cases. The state also reported 316 deaths related to the infection in a day taking the total death count to 16,792. Andhra Pradesh with the second-highest active cases — at 82,166 — is inching closer to 2,00,000-mark. It added more than 10,000 fresh cases for a second day in a row on Thursday.

After a decline in cases, Delhi, too, saw a marginal rise in fresh cases with 1,299 new cases getting detected on Thursday. The state's total number of active cases which had fallen under 10,000 after several weeks, has again jumped to 10,348.

Tamil Nadu which is at the second spot in terms of total confirmed cases reported 5,684 fresh cases in a 24-hour window. Uttar Pradesh where the testing has risen significantly over the last few weeks reported 4,586 new cases getting detected in a day.

Maharashtra continues to record most cases

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'Acute farming heightens pandemic risk'

NEW DELHI: Covid-19 pandemic triggered by animal-origin coronavirus brought to focus zoonotic diseases and now, a nature study finds that land-use change — conversion of natural habitats to agricultural or urban ecosystems — is widely recognised to influence the risk and emergence of zoonotic disease in humans.

'Zoonotic host diversity increases in human-dominated ecosystems' led by researchers from the University College London's Centre for Biodiversity & Environment Research suggested that global changes in the mode and the intensity of land use are creating expanding hazardous interfaces between people, livestock and wildlife reservoirs of zoonotic disease. The team analysed 6,801 ecological assemblages and 376 host species worldwide, controlling for research effort, and showed that land use has global and systematic effects on local zoonotic host communities.

"When we convert natural habitats to our uses, we inadvertently increase the probability of transmission of zoonotic infectious diseases, which are caused by pathogens that can jump from animals to humans," said Rory Gibb, one of the authors.

It has been suggested that habitat disturbance might cause predictable changes in the local diversity and taxonomic composition of potential reservoir hosts. *ENS*

MP POLICE ACTION

Traders celebrating temple slapped, two officials shunted

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A joint collector and a police official were removed from their posts over the alleged beating and detention of some traders who were bursting crackers in MP's Khargone district to celebrate the Ram Temple *bhoomi pujan*.

Khargone district joint collector Abhishek Gahlot and sub divisional police officer Gladwin Edwardkar were transferred to the state secretariat and the police headquarters in Bhopal on Thursday night after the BJP, VHP and trader outfits protested in Khargone town.

Videos of a trader being beaten by policemen over bursting crackers in Khargone's Saraffa Bazar area had gone viral on social media. According to sources in Khargone police, the traders were bursting crackers on Wednesday out in the open in a communally sensitive area which could have created law and order problems.

BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya had tweeted one of the videos in which cops were seen slapping a trader. He had also questioned the Wednesday's police action. Local BJP MP Gajendra Singh Patel, who was among those who participated in the protests on Thursday, had also questioned the police action.

OCI cardholders allowed to visit India

NEW DELHI: The Union Ministry of Home Affairs on Friday issued new guidelines for Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) cardholders from the US, UK, German and France, allowing them to visit the country, in accordance with the "air bubble" arrangements India has signed with these countries.

Other foreigners from these countries have also been allowed to avail Indian visa facility for business, medical and employment purposes. Indian citizens have also been allowed to travel to these four countries on any type of visa, according to a notification issued by MHA.

"The Ministry of Home Affairs has permitted to enter India OCI cardholders who belong to countries with which 'air bubble' arrangements have been finalised by Ministry of Civil Aviation," a home ministry spokesperson said.

"Any Indian national holding any type of valid visa of such countries may be permitted to travel to the country concerned provided there is no travel restriction for entry of Indian nationals in that country. It would be for the airlines concerned to ensure that there is no travel restriction for Indian nationals to enter the country concerned with the particular visa category before the issue of tickets/ boarding pass to the Indian passenger," stated the notification. *ENS*

HARMONY

Bengal Muslims cremate their Hindu neighbour

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

IN an example of communal harmony and humanity, Muslim neighbours of a Hindu man helped perform his last rites in Jhargram district of West Bengal on Thursday.

The 62-year-old man died after suffering a cardiac arrest shortly after being refused treatment by a doctor at local health centre as he had not gone through a Covid-19 test. From gathering wood for the funeral to carrying the body to the crematorium, the neighbours helped his family perform all rituals.

Jugal Das was taken to Binpur rural hospital on Thursday morning after complaining of chest pain. "There was a lady doctor at the healthcare centre. We told her that my father had fever five days ago. She refused to examine my father and asked us to conduct Covid-19 test first and come only if he tests negative. We had to return home. In the afternoon, he complained of severe chest pain and died," said Sujit, Jugal's son.

As the news of his death spread, Jugal's neighbours arrived at his house to help the family. "In our village, there are about 300 Muslims families and 10 Hindu households. I will never forget what they did for us when an educated doctor refused to treat my father," said Sujit.

"We always come forward whenever anyone is in distress. When Jugal was admitted to SSKM Hospital in Kolkata in 2009, I spent three nights at the hospital," Sheikh Kader, one of Jugal's neighbours, said. Sheikh Siddiqui said he and others of his community collected wood, bought clothes and other items for Jugal's last rites.

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> —Sheikh Kader, deceased's neighbour

NEP

Policy will help students 'how to think', says PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE National Education Policy (NEP), that replaces over a three-decade-old policy in the country, has not triggered any concerns about any regional biases and that is a "heartening achievement", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday.

"The old policy focused on what to think, but the new NEP focuses on how to think. This is a significant difference," the prime minister said via a video conference at the inaugural address of the 'Conclave on Transformational Reforms in Higher Education' under the NEP.

The Union Cabinet on July 29 had approved the NEP — a vision document to guide the country's education blueprint for the coming years. "Today, views and opinions are coming from all across India (on NEP)," said Modi.

"People are sharing their thoughts on this. It has been widely welcomed and one thing that has been observed is that no one is saying this policy is biased towards any-one area... that is a great thing, a heartening thing. Now everyone's focus is on how this will be implemented."

One of the main thrusts of the NEP, that also triggered some of the sharpest criticism, is the recommendation that students should be taught in their mother tongue or regional language till Class V.

"When students are taught in their mother tongue or regional language, their understanding of the subject becomes that much better. So till Class V, learning in the mother tongue will help greatly. Once the understanding of a subject is there, then the future is solid," said the PM in the conclave organised by the Union Human Resources Development Ministry and the University Grants Commission.

The PM emphasised that the NEP will be the foundation of 21st century India. "NEP's focus is on the type of skills and education needed by our youths in today' s time. The NEP is dedicated to propelling India on the path of growth and empowerment," he said.

SC rejects plea to end trial of 2 Italian marines

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday made it clear that it would not close judicial proceedings against two Italian marines accused of killing two Indian fishermen off the Kerala coast in 2012, without hearing the victims' families.

A bench led by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde said the families of the two fishermen have to be compensated adequately, and not reasonably as decided by an international tribunal last month.

"First, let Italy pay them compensation, only then we will allow withdrawal of prosecution. Bring the cheques and the victims' kin here. We want you to pay not reasonable but adequate compensation," the CJI told the lawyer appearing for Italy.

But the bench made it clear that it would not pass orders for closure of the case against the two Italian marines without hearing the victims' families. "We cannot think of any relief for Marines till their prosecution is not withdrawn in Kerala court," the bench said. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta was directed to ensure the kin are made to join the proceedings in the top court. *ENS*

PIL REJECTED
The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a PIL seeking NIA probe into the alleged 2008 agreement between the Indian National Congress and the Communist Party of China.

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Bhopal	31	25	Panaji	29	24
Jaipur	32	25	Patna	34	27
Amritsar	37	27	Lucknow	35	22
Chennai	35	28	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	34	27	Imphal	29	23
Srinagar	32	16	Chandigarh	33	26

Mumbai cops are helping Rhea: Bihar Police

Centre files impleadment application seeking to be made a party in Sushant Singh Rajput suicide case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Bihar Police on Friday informed the Supreme Court accusing its Mumbai counterpart of siding with actor Rhea Chakraborty and obstructing its probe into the Sushant Singh Rajput's death by suicide and other related angles.

The Union Government, meanwhile, filed an impleadment application seeking to be made a party in the ongoing case filed by Rhea seeking transfer of probe from Bihar to Mumbai.

In an affidavit, the Bihar government said that the Mumbai Police did not share crucial evidence of the case, obstructed its probe and forcibly quarantined Superintendent of Police, Patna-Central, **Vinay Tiwari** when he reached the city.

The affidavit came in response to a petition filed Rhea who sought transfer of the case

filed by Sushant's father KK Singh from Patna to Mumbai. "The non-cooperation by the Mumbai Police with the Patna Police is clear from the fact that the former has not supplied any documents such as inquest, post-mortem and FSL reports, CCTV footage etc to the latter, despite several requests," the affidavit stated.

So far, the Bihar Police has recorded statements of 10 people related to the Rajput death case. The statements of Rhea or her family members, named in the FIR, have not been recorded yet.

Bihar Police denied that it lacked jurisdiction to probe the FIR lodged by Rajput's father, citing Section 179 of the CrPC which states that when an act is an offence by reason of anything which has been done and of a consequence which has ensued, the offence may be inquired into or tried by a court within whose local jurisdiction such thing has been done or such consequence has ensued.

Since Sushant's father is a resident of Patna, the state police and courts have the jurisdiction to try the offence, the Bihar police asserted.

Rhea Chakraborty's petition is without jurisdiction, premature, misconceived and not maintainable, Bihar Police's affidavit said.

ED grills actor for 8 hrs over irregularities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

ACTOR Rhea Chakraborty appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday in connection with the Sushant Singh Rajput's suicide and alleged financial irregularities levelled against her.

Rhea had requested the ED to postpone recording of her statement till the Supreme Court passes its order on her plea seeking transfer of the case lodged by the Bihar police to Mumbai. The agency, however, rejected her request. "In view of the fact that the ED has informed the media that the request to postpone her attendance is rejected, Rhea has appeared before the ED office," her advocate Satish Maneshinde said, adding that Rhea would cooperate with the probe. In an FIR filed in Patna, Sushant's father K K Singh accused Rhea and her family of siphoning of ₹15 crore from his son's account in one year "to bank accounts of persons not known or connected to the late actor".

Actress Rhea Chakraborty arrives at ED office in Mumbai | PTI

The ED had earlier questioned Sushant's chartered accountant Sandeep Sridhar.

2 MP policemen drag, beat Sikh man, suspended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

TWO Madhya Pradesh policemen were suspended after a video clip showing them dragging a Sikh man in Barwani district of Madhya Pradesh went viral, triggering a political controversy.

The suspended policemen are: ASI Sitaram Bhatnagar and head constable Mohan Kamre.

Not only the opposition Congress but the ruling BJP ally SAD has also demanded action against the guilty men in khaki.

In the 50-second clip, the man identified as Prem Singh is seen lying at the feet of a cop, who then physically pulls Singh in full public view. The clip also shows another policeman pushing a turbaned man, who comes to save Prem Singh.

In the video, Prem Singh is seen shouting Sikh religion slogans and appealing to save him from the assaulting law-keepers. Prem Singh said: "Three policemen, including a female officer Kavita Kanesh, Assistant Sub Inspector Sitaram Bhatnagar and Head Constable Mohan Kamre came to my shop and asked me to remove the shop or pay them up. When I told them that I had only ₹200, they started beating me. They dishonoured my turban and pulled me from my hair, when I resisted. Then they took me in their vehicle."

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> Prem Singh, Shop keeper

State Congress spokesperson Narendra Saluja took to twitter, sharing the video. "Prem Singh Granthi runs a lock-keys shop near the Pulsood police outpost. He was beaten up, his turban pulled out and he was dragged through his hair on the road in full public view by policemen. This amounts to hurting religious sentiments of the Sikhs," tweeted Saluja.

SAD president and Ferozpur MP Sukhbir Singh Badal also tweeted the same video. "Too shocking for words! The barbaric and humiliating attack on Giani Prem Singh Granthi and other Sikhs in MP is utterly inhuman and unacceptable. I urge CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan to set an example of punitive action against those who treat the sword-arm of the nation with such contempt," tweeted Badal.

Sinha vows dialogue with people, restoration of peace

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

FORMER Union minister and senior BJP leader Manoj Sinha on Friday was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor of J&K, becoming the first political leader to take charge of the union territory (UT).

Sinha said restoring peace and ending uncertainty and militancy in the UT would be his mission. The L-G also said the Jammu and Kashmir administration will soon initiate 'direct dialogue' with the people to end the situation of uncertainty and the menace of terrorism.

The 61-year-old Sinha was administered the oath in English by J&K High Court Chief Justice Gita Mittal at Raj Bhavan. He took the oath.

Previous L-G Girish Chandra Murmu's two advisors Farooq Khan and Baseer Ahmad Khan and top police and civil officials were present on the occasion. Besides, J&K BJP president Ravindra Raina, BJP Lok Sabha MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, PDP Rajya Sabha MP Nazir Ahmad Laway and J&K Apni Party leader Ghulam Hassan Mir were also present. "Kashmir is India's paradise and I have been given a responsibility to play

Ex-Union Minister Manoj Sinha during his swearing-in as new J&K L-G | PTI

a role in J&K," said Sinha.

Without mentioning the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of J&K on August 5 last year, he said: "August 5 is an important day in J&K's history now. After years of isolation, J&K has joined the national mainstream." Outlining his priorities, Sinha pitched for peace and stability and said the powers of the Constitution will be used for the betterment of the people and the development of Jammu and Kashmir.

'We need to establish a dialogue with the common people of Jammu and Kashmir. We don't have any agenda in that. There will be no discrimination against anyone. Constitution will be Gita in that," he said.

Explore possibility of restoring 4G: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday asked the Narendra Modi government and the Jammu and Kashmir administration to come up with a final stand on resumption of 4G internet services in the UT by August 11.

The observation from a bench headed by Justice NV Ramana came while hearing a contempt petition filed by an NGO against the central government and the J&K administration for non-compliance of SC order to constitute a three-member high-powered committee to look into the issue of restoring 4G services in J&K.

The court asked both to explore possibilities of restoring the network in some areas in the region. "There is no question of further adjournment," the bench said while slating the hearing for August 11.

The move came after Mehta, who was appearing for the J&K administration, sought more time to clarify former Lieutenant Governor G.C. Murmu's statement to the media on his recommendation to resume 4G connectivity in the UT.

Mehta said the L-G resigned Thursday and he required time to get instructions on it and file a response. "Now, the governor has changed. You have waited for this so long, wait for two more days," the bench said.

Punjab hooch tragedy: CM raises compensation to ₹5L

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

PUNJAB Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Friday announced an increase in compensation from ₹2 lakh to ₹5 lakh to the kin of the deceased. He announced a relief of ₹5 lakh to those who survived the tragedy, but lost eyesight.

Singh said the death toll in the tragedy has risen to 121 with eight more people succumbing to spurious liquor in Tarn Taran, taking the fatality count in the district to 92, while 15 have died in Amritsar and 14 in Gurdaspur. "No one involved will be spared. Whoever is involved will be given strict punishment as per law," he said while addressing families of the victims.

Punjab CM Cap Amarinder Singh meets families of hooch tragedy victims | PTI

He met families of the hooch tragedy victims in Tarn Taran district and said it was not an accident but "murder", for which the culprits will be given strict punishment. The chief minister said properties of those responsible for the 'unpardonable act' will also be confiscated.

He was accompanied by Punjab Congress chief Sunil Jakhar, CPS to CM Suresh Kumar, Punjab DGP Dinkar Gupta besides Member of Parliament from Khadoor Sahib JS Dimpa and MLA Ramanjit Singh Sikki.

The CM said the investigation into the case is already underway and Director General of Police Dinkar Gupta has been directed to expedite it.

"Politics is being played even when investigations have just started," he said when asked about the Opposition taking names of some members from the ruling Congress in connection with the tragedy.

Earlier, Punjab Congress president Sunil Jakhar hit out at the SAD-BJP alliance for allegedly nurturing the liquor mafia.

TWITTER SPAT

Soren moves court against BJP MP

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

JHARKHAND CM Hemant Soren has moved the Ranchi court against BJP MP Nishikant Dubey over his attempt to reopen a case allegedly filed by a Mumbai-based girl against the CM in 2013.

It all began as a war of tweets about a fortnight ago. The CM responding to Dubey's demand for reopening the case had warned him of legal action.

The CM has also made Twitter Communications India Pvt Ltd and Facebook India Online Services Pvt Ltd as respondents in the case.

Dubey denied having received any legal notice and alleged that it was CM's "conspiracy" to get a 'gag' order (ex parte order) from the court. "Ideally, a legal notice should have been issued against me. Instead, they filed a civil suit against me on August 4, with the first hearing on August 5 in my absence. The next hearing is said to be due on August 22," said Dubey.

"I will file a defamation suit against Soren, also making the girl, who had lodged a rape-kidnapping case against him while being the CM, as a party to the case," said Dubey.

Leaders from Soren's JMM party were reluctant to comment on the issue. "I am unaware of any such development," said JMM general secretary Vinod Pandey.

Jharkhand villagers lynch man, injure another on suspicion of vegetable theft

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

IN a case of mob-lynching in Jharkhand, villagers suspecting theft of vegetables from their fields thrashed a man belonging to a minority community to death and grievously injured another on Wednesday.

The incident was reported from Jamtara, around 225 km from the state capital Ranchi. The police said they have arrested six persons and registered an FIR at Karmatar police station. One of the accused is absconding, they said.

The deceased has been identified as Saykul alias Fahwa Ansari. A critically injured Binod Mondal has been admitted to Patliputra Medical College and Hospital (PMCH) in Dhanbad.

"We had rushed a police team to the spot which found Binod Mondal (50) screaming in pain near the fields in Karmatar. He told the policemen that he along with his friend, Sayakul (46), had been thrown into a nearby well after being thrashed brutally by the villagers," said Office in Charge of Karmatar Police Station Ram Sarik Tiwari.

Both of them belonged to Kashitanr village adjacent to the place where the incident took place, he added. "They allegedly were thrashed brutally with bamboo sticks and canes and thrown into a well after falling unconscious. Later, according to Binod, somehow he managed to climb out of the well but Sayakul succumbed to his injuries," said Tiwari.

The body of Sayakul was recovered from the well and sent for postmortem, while Binod was rushed to Sadar Hospital from where he was referred to PMCH, he added. Sayakul's body was recovered from the well and sent for postmortem.

Tiwari said an FIR under Section 302 (murder) along with other sections of the IPC against the accused persons has been lodged.

EXPRESS READ

India objects to Nepal's CCTV move

Dehradun: After Nepal installed CCTV cameras on India-Nepal border near Champawat district of Uttarakhand, Indian authorities raised their objections in their recently concluded meet on Tuesday.

Kisan Rail flagged off to help farmers

Mumbai:The country's first ever weekly 'Kisan Rail' was flagged off on Friday from Maharashtra's Deolali to Bihar's Danapur to help farmers send their products to inter-state markets. Railway minister Piyush Goyal tweeted, "This is the beginning of a major change in the lives of the farmers and consumers".

OXFORD COVID VACCINE TO BE PRICED AT ₹225 IN INDIA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

PUNE-based Serum Institute of India (SII), which is manufacturing Oxford University's Covid-19 vaccine, said on Friday it would make the shot available at â‚¹225 for India and $3 for other low and middle-income countries.

SII has tied up with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to be able to deliver up to 100 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines for India and other lower and middle-income countries. SII, the world's largest vaccine manufacturer by volume, also has a manufacturing partnership with US-based company Novavax.

The vaccine candidate by Oxford University is in advanced stages of clinical trials in India and several other countries. It is likely to be available for public use in the first half of 2021. This experimental vaccine was found to show good results in early-stage human trials.

"The rampant spread of the virus has rendered the entire world in an unimaginable halt of uncertainty and to ensure maximum immunization coverage and contain the pandemic, it is important to make sure that the most remote and poorest countries of the world have access to affordable cure and preventive measures," said SII CEO Adar Poonawala.

Multi-crore scam in bus purchases: Digvijaya

Rajya Sabha member and former Madhya Pradesh CM Digvijaya Singh has written to the DG of state's EOW alleging a multi-crore scam in purchase of buses by Bhopal City Link Limited in 2013. Singh has demanded lodging of an FIR into the complaint in the matter by Bhopal-based Capital Roadways director Charanjit Singh Gulati. The complaint is pending with the EOW since 2016. In the complaint it has been alleged that a scam of around ₹7 crore was committed in 2013 by purchasing three-year-old buses worth ₹24 lakh each.

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BHOPAL DIARY

Ex-minister demands ballot paper for by-elections

Former minister and senior Congress MLA Sajjan Singh Verma has written to the President of India and the Election Commission, demanding that ballot papers be used in the by-elections for 27 assembly seats in Madhya Pradesh on the lines of recent parliamentary elections in Sri Lanka. Verma has submitted that judicious mix of face mask, hand sanitizers, social distancing and ballot papers ensured 71% voting in the island nation even during the coronavirus pandemic. The EC has been requested to follow the same model for safe by-elections in MP. The commission is yet to finalise the dates for the 27 crucial assembly by-polls which may decide the future of state's politics. In Lanka the elections were done through the ballot paper to prevent corona infection.

Woman ends 28-year fast after bhoomi pujan

The bhoomi pujan for the Ram Janmbhoomi Temple in Ayodhya has not only triggered nationwide celebrations but also marked the end of a 28-year-long fast by an elderly woman in Jabalpur. Urmila Chaturvedi, an octogenarian, had quit eating proper food on December 6, 1992 — the day the disputed structure was demolished in Ayodhya. She had vowed to have proper food only after temple construction began at Ayodhya. "Now the vow is complete. I'll soon go to Ayodhya with family," said Chaturvedi.

Sisters demand hospital as Rakhi gift

The residents of Nepanagar town in Burhanpur district have been demanding a multi-facility hospital in the town for a long. This Raksha Bandhan, this demand was given a voice in a short film in which sisters were seen asking from brothers for the hospital as a Rakhi gift. The short film, made by local artist Sanatan Yadav, appeals all sisters to ask their brothers to be part of a popular mission of working for the long-awaited multi-facility hospital in the town. The residents of the Nepanagar town currently have to rush to other cities for proper medical treatment.

7,15,802
people have died due to Covid-19 globally, as per the John Hopkins University's virus tracker

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain HR: Heavy Rain TDS: Thundershower LC: Light Cloud SNY: Sunny

Beijing	32	23	SNY	Los Angeles	26	16	SNY
Colombo	29	25	TDS	Melbourne	13	9	LR
Doha	45	31	SNY	Moscow	23	14	LC
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	27	19	LC
Houston	33	24	SNY	Singapore	33	27	LC
Istanbul	31	23	LC	Toronto	27	17	SNY
London	35	18	SNY	Washington DC	28	21	LC

LANDSLIDE WIN PAVES WAY FOR RAJAPAKSAS' SUPER-MAJORITY

The brothers need 150 seats to change constitution; they have 145

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa greets supporters at his residence in Tangalle on Friday following his election victory | AP

COLOMBO

SRI Lanka's powerful Rajapaksa brothers secured a landslide victory in the parliamentary election, giving them nearly the two-thirds majority of seats required to make constitutional changes, according to results released Friday.

PM Mahinda Rajapaksa is likely to be sworn in the same position by his younger brother, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, after the vote that could strengthen dynastic rule in the Indian Ocean island nation.

The Rajapaksas' Sri Lanka People's Party (SLPP) won 145 seats in the 225-member Parliament while its main opponent obtained only 54 seats, the election commission's results showed. The SLPP won all but four of the 22 electoral districts on offer, polling 6.8 million votes (59.9%).

The main Tamil party, Tamil National Alliance, did not fare well as their parliamentary representation saw a reduction for a total of 10 seats from 16 it had won the last time, and 16 other seats were split among 12 small parties. The Rajapaksa brothers need 150 seats, or control of two-thirds of seats in Parliament, to be able to change the constitution. At least four small parties collaborate with Rajapaksas' party, so they appear to have mustered that support.

Jehan Perera, an analyst with independent think tank National Peace Council, said while a win for the Rajapaksa brothers was expected the proportion of victory was not.

"I thought there will be an erosion of votes (from the presidential election) and there will be some means of disillusionment at their performance," he said, adding that voters had demonstrated the need for a strong and cohesive government led by strong leaders who could easily work together.

He said they also seemed to have considered security issues because disunity between the president and prime minister of the then-government is blamed for a security let down that led to last year's Easter bomb attacks.

However, analysts say any attempt by Gotabaya Rajapaksa to push for changes that will strengthen presidential power at the expense of those of the prime minister may trigger sibling rivalry.

Gotabaya was elected president last Nov after projecting himself as the only leader who could secure the country after IS-inspired attacks. *Agencies*

FIREBRAND BUDDHIST MONK GETS SEAT

A radical Buddhist monk accused of instigating hate crimes against Muslims has won a seat in Sri Lanka's parliament. The Our Power of People party led by Galagodaatte Gnanasara, who has vowed to fight Islamic extremism, won one seat in Wednesday's election. Gnanasara served nine months of a six-year jail term for intimidating the wife of a missing cartoonist and contempt of court until he was given a presidential pardon in May last year.Gnanasara has close ties with Wirathu, an extremist monk in Myanmar whose outbursts have stoked religious tensions there. Wirathu visited Sri Lanka as a guest of Gnanasara shortly after 2014 anti-Muslim riots. The duo vowed to fight what they called the threat from Islamic jihadists.

Vital virus aid talks on brink of collapse

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON talks on vital Covid-19 rescue money are teetering on the brink of collapse after a marathon meeting in the Capitol generated lots of recriminations but little progress on the top issues confronting negotiators.

"There's a handful of very big issues that we are still very far apart" on, said Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. He talked of impasses on aid to states and local governments and renewing supplemental unemployment benefits in the Thursday night meetings.

Both sides said the future of the talks is uncertain. No meeting is scheduled so far for Friday, an informal deadline to reach the broad outlines of an agreement. President Donald Trump is considering executive orders to address evictions and unemployment insurance, but they appear unlikely to have much impact.

A breakdown in the talks would put at risk more than $100 billion to help reopen schools, a fresh round of $1,200 direct payments to most people and hundreds of billions of dollars for state and local governments to help them avoid furloughing workers and cutting services as tax revenues shrivel.

Democrats House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, emerged from Thursday's meeting to give a pessimistic update about the chances for an agreement.

"We're very far apart. It's most unfortunate," Pelosi said.

Both sides have adopted a hard line in the talks, though the Trump team is more open in disclosing a handful of its proposed compromises. Republicans were late to agree to the talks and have become frustrated by the inflexible tactics of Pelosi and Schumer, who have been exuding confidence in a political and legislative landscape that appeared tilted in their favor.

The Democratic pair say the federal coronavirus aid package needs to be huge to meet the moment: a surge in cases and deaths, double-digit joblessness and the threat of poverty for millions of the newly unemployed.

"We believe the patient needs a major operation while Republicans want to apply just a Band-Aid," Schumer said. "We won't let them just pass the Band-Aid, go home and leave America bleeding."

Senate Republicans have been split, with roughly half of McConnell's rank and file opposed to another rescue bill at all. Four prior virus response bills totaling almost $3 trillion have passed on bipartisan votes despite intense wrangling, but conservatives recoiled at the prospect of another Pelosi-brokered deal with a big deficit-financed cost. *AP*

US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin (R) and White House chief of staff Mark Meadows in Washington on Friday | AP

Trump claims Biden opposes God

US President Donald Trump billed his trip to Ohio Thursday as a chance to promote economic recovery, but he quickly pivoted to a deeply personal attack on Joe Biden, questioning his faith in God. Even for a president known for his bluntness, Trump's remarks stood out. "He's following the radical left agenda: take away your guns, destroy your 2nd Amendment, no religion, no anything, hurt the Bible, hurt God. He's against God. He's against guns. He's against energy, our kind of energy. I don't think he's going to do too well in Ohio."

EXPRESS READ

Africa passes 1-mn mark in Covid-19 cases

JOHANNESBURG: Africa's confirmed coronavirus cases have surpassed 1 million, but global health experts say the toll is likely several times higher, reflecting the gaping lack of testing for the continent's 1.3 billion people. While experts say infection tolls in richer nations can be significant undercounts, large numbers of undetected cases are a greater danger for Africa, with many of the world's weakest health systems. The WHO calls the milestone a "pivotal point" for Africa as infections in several countries are surging.

Any incoming missile will be seen as nuclear, warns Russia

MOSCOW: Russia will perceive any ballistic missile launched at its territory as a nuclear attack that warrants a nuclear retaliation, the military warned on Friday. The harsh warning in the official military newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda is directed at the US, which is developing long-range non-nuclear weapons.

Lebanese prez rejects international probe, blast toll rises to 154

BEIRUT: Lebanon's president rejected any global probe into the catastrophic port blast, saying a missile or negligence could have been responsible. The entrenched ruling class has come under fire once again since Tuesday's explosion, which killed at least 154 people and devastated swathes of the capital.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that, my Client- **SRI PRABHAKAR REDDY .P,** S/o Late P. Munirathnam Reddy, aged about 46 years, R/at #66, 3rd Cross, Muneshwara Layout, Ayyappanagar, KR Puram, Bangalore-560036, intended to purchase the below shown Schedule Property under a Registered Sale Deed from- **SMT. A. LILLY MARY,** W/o Mr. A. Mariyappa, aged about 45 years, R/at Basavanapura Village, Virgonagar Post, Bangalore-560049.

If anybody has got any share, right, title, interest & claim over the Schedule Property Either in Part or full, may kindly contact the under signed with relevant documents within 10 days failing which my client will proceed for further transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.3 & 4, New Sy No.6/2, Old Sy No.6, Khatha No.334, Ward No.52, Vide its Conversion Order No.ALN(E) SR (KH) 191/2010-2011 Dated 26-03-2011, situated at Sannathammanahalli Village also known as Thambuchetipalya, KrishnarajaPuram Hobli, BETQ, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 70 and North to South 60 feet, and in all measuring 4200 Square feets and bounded on;

East by: Site No.5, West by: Site No.2, North by: Private Property, South by: Road,

SRIKANTH B.G., Advocate
Off at#152, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Swathantranagar, Virgonagar Post, Bangalore - 560049. M: 7795159009

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/WMC/TKR/1645-46 Date: 04-08-2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites bid against the **Bid Enquiry No. SEE/TR(W&M)/TKR/EE(O)/AEE-3/Enq-08 dated 29-04-2019 Call-7** for providing additional 11KV 500MVA 25KA 1250Amps MCVCB(1I/C+4F+1AP3) to 20MVA Power Transformer-1 for overloaded feeders at 66/11KV Substation Kallambella in Tumakuru Division coming under Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Tumakuru.

The detailed information regarding enquiries in E-procurement portal can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurement-KPTCL"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **10-08-2020.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission (W & M) Circle, KPTCL,
Siddaganga Complex, B.H. Road, Tumakuru-2.

KARNATAKA NURSING & PARAMEDICAL SCIENCES EDUCATION (REGULATION) AUTHORITY
Karnataka State Diploma in Nursing Examination Board
1st Floor, Library Block, Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute Campus, Bengaluru-02, Web: **www.ksdneb.org,**

KSDNEB/EST/31/2020-2021 Date: 06.08.2020

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR KARNATAKA STATE DIPLOMA IN NURSING EXAMINAGION BOARD COURSE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR

Online applications are invited for admission to GNM Course for the Academic year 2020-21 in Government Schools of Nursing and 10% Government Quota Seats in Private Schools of Nursing, from candidates who have scored 40% marks in II PUC (10+2) and SC & ST candidates should have scored aggregate of 35% marks in II PUC (10+2) or equivalent.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORMS: Online Submission of Application is available in Karnataka State Diploma in Nursing Examination Board Website: **www.ksdneb.org**

APPLICATION FEE: For General Category **Rs. 400/-** for SC/ST/Category-I **Rs. 250/-** The application fee should be paid through online e-payment.

DATE FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION: The online application filling is available from **10.08.2020** to **31.08.2020. Offline applications are not entertained.**

SELECTIONS: Selection of candidates will be made on the basis of Merit-cum-category wise. Counseling dates & Place will be notified on the Karnataka State Diploma in Nursing Examination Board Website and SMS message will be sent to the candidate's mobile number.

Sd/-Secretary, KSDNEB, Bengaluru.

भारत सरकार /GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, अंतरिक्ष विभाग /DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
निर्माण एवं अनुरक्षण ग्रुप/CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP,
इसरो नोदन कॉम्प्लेक्स /ISRO PROPULSION COMPLEX
महेंद्रगिरि/MAHENDRAGIRI-627 133, फोन/Ph:04637 281582, 281672, फैक्स/Fax:04637 281681

ई- निविदा सूचना /E-TENDER NOTICE दिनांक/Date: 06.08.2020

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु **ई-निविदा** द्वारा मद-दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।
On behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through **e-tendering** for the following works:

क्र. सं. Sl. No.	कार्य का नाम (सिविल / वातानुकूलन के कार्य) NAME OF WORK (CIVIL / AIR CONDITIONING WORKS)	प्राक्कलित लागत Estimated Cost (₹)	कार्य पूरा होने की अवधि Period of Completion	ईएमडी EMD (₹)
1.	आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीएस/ई-13/एमए/सीपीएच-06/2020-21 / NIT no: IPRC/CMG/TS/e-13/MA/CPH-06/2020-21			
	समुच्चयन एवं एकीकरण क्षेत्र, नारियल बाग़ान, आईएलएचपी क्षेत्र, टीपीटी, एमएसीसी, एमईटी, टीसीटी, संरक्षा, बी4, सेमी क्रायो सबस्टेशन 'सी' ग्रुप क्षेत्र, आईईटी में बागवानी रखरखाव के कार्य तथा आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि और आईपीआरसी हाउसिंग कॉलोनी, नागरकोविल में नारियलों को तोड़ना।/ Horticulture maintenance works in Assembly & Integration area, Coconut Plantation, ILHP area, TPT, MACC, MET, TCT, SAFETY, B4, Semicryo Sub Station 'C' group area, IET and plucking coconuts at IPRC, Mahendragiri and IPRC Housing Colony, Nagercoil.	25.08 (लाख/Lakh)	12 (बारह महीने/ Twelve Months)	50,200/-
2.	आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीएस/ई-12/एमए/एसी-02/2020-21 / NIT no: IPRC/CMG/TS/e-12/MA/AC-02/2020-21			
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के ए.सी. संयंत्रों तथा ए.सी. संयंत्रों के प्रचालन हेतु गैर व्यापक वार्षिक रखरखाव संविदा। / Non Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for AC plants and Operation of AC plants at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	69.96 (लाख/Lakh)	24 (चौबीस महीने/Twenty four Months)	1,40,000/-

ऑन-लाइन निवेदन करने की तिथि/Dates for Online Request: **From: 08.08.2020** (10:00 बजे/Hrs) से/to **17.08.2020** (18:00 बजे/Hrs) तक।
नियत समय व ऑन-लाइन प्रस्तुतीकरण की तिथि/Due Time & Date of Submission: **20.08.2020** को/upto 18.00 बजे/ Hrs तक।
अधिक जानकारी/ भविष्य शुद्धिपत्र के लिए देखें / **For further details / future corrigenda, visit : www.isro.gov.in/tenders** (या/or) www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO
ग्रुप निदेशक, सीएमजी, आईपीआरसी / Group Director, CMG, IPRC

F.NO. 5(2)/2020-ABCD
Government of India
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Electronics Niketen, 6-CGO Complex,
New Delhi -110003

Subject:-Inviting Application for filling up the post of Director General, National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), an Autonomous Society under MeitY.

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) proposes to fill up the post of Director General, National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), an Autonomous Society under MeitY, in the pay scale of Level-15 of the Pay Matrix (Rs. 1,82,200/- Rs. 2,24,100/-)) through either of Direct Recruitment /Absorption/Deputation/ Deputation (including short term contract) modes. Last date for receipt of application would be the day falling after 45 days from the date of publication of the advertisement in the Employment News.

2. Further, details and application form can be obtained from websites of MeitY (**www.meity.gov.in**): NIELIT (**www.nielit.gov.in**): DoPT (**www.persmin.gov.in**) and National Career Service Portal (**www.ncs.gov.in**)

DAVP 06101/11/0009/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client **Mr. MANJUNATH GOLLA,** S/o. Sri. G. Ramulu, aged about 35 years, residing at No.1744, 2nd Floor, 19th 'A' Main, Sector-II, HSR Layout, Bangalore 560102, intends to purchase the Residential Site described the schedule hereunder from the lawful joint owners **Sri. M. R. BABU, Sri. SHATHISH SHINDE & Sri. LAWRENCE JOSEPH,** Gundur Village, Bangalore.

Any person/s who claims any right, title or interest of any nature or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the schedule property may file his/her/their objections in writing to the under-signed along with supporting documents thereof within 15 (fifteen) days hereof, failing which, it shall be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsists over the said schedule property and my client shall be advised to proceed & complete the transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT Piece & Parcel of the **Residential Site bearing No.18,** the Residential Layout called & known as **"ROYAL PALMS AVENUE",** formed in the duly converted Survey Nos. 55/3 & 55/6, Old Survey No. 55/2, situated at Gundur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, admeasuring East to West: 50 Feet & North to South: 30 Feet, in all measuring 1500 Square Feet, bounded on;

East by : Road,
West by : Site No. 27,
North by : Site No. 17,
South by : Site No. 19.

M/s. RPS LAW INC.,
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Mr. RENUKAPRASANNA .S,
B.A.L., LL.M.,
 # 24, Ground Floor, "Raghavendra Mansion", 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560 020.
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Government of Karnataka.
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWP & IWT DEPT. DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR.

I.F.T.No:EE/PWP& IWTD/VJP/PB/8443 Deposit Work /2020-21/1301 Date:-06/08/2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION. (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(E-Procurement)

The- **Executive Engineer, PWP & IWT Dept. Division, Vijayapur** Invites tenders from eligible tenderers (registered in Public Works, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department) for 1 work as per standard bid documents KW-4 with 8443-Deposit Contribution (Flood Affected Area) head of account costing of amount for Rs. 490.00 Lakhs, the EMD amount of Rs.7,35,000.00 for the work. Time allowed completiom of work is 11 months including mansoon. For above work G.S.T amount will be paid to the Contractor seperately and Increase in G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as detarmaind by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows 1) The Pre-Bid Meeting for Contractors Date-21-09-2020 @ 11.00 AM. 2) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders Date-25-09-2020 upto 4.30 PM. 3) Opening of Technical Bid Date-28-09-2020 at 11.00 AM. 4) Opening of Financial Bid Date-29-09-2020 at 11.00 AM. Clause-3 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e "eproc.karnataka.gov.in" and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 91 80 46010000 & 91 80 22631200) or office of the undersigned.

Executive Engineer,
PWP & IWT Dept. .Dn, Vijayapur

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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I, **NIKITHA.P.,** D/o Sri Papaiah T., aged about 25 years, R/a No. 15/A, Nandesshwara Layout, Garvebhavi Palya, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560068, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DEEPA P.** to **NIKITHA.P.,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NIKITHA.P.,** only, vide affidavit dated 04-08-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **SUMITHRA N.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. Maitravati M.G.** Wife of Late Raghu D., aged about 35 years, residing at No. 676, 17th Cross, 24th Main Road, 6th Phase, JP Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 078, have changed my daughter's name from **NANDITHA** to **NANDITHA R. KONDAJJI.** Vide affidavit dated 24.07.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Ramesh J. Solanki, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PREETI TEWARI, W/o Vinod Srinivas Tewari R/at No 368 18th Main Road Sector 4 H S R Layout Bengaluru 560102, Have Changed My Name to **PREETI TEWARI SERAI** Vide Affidavit Dtd 4/8/2020 Before Notary R Viswanath Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) ANTONY ERIC NADHAN, Residing at No. E 40/10, DRDO Township, Phase-2, CV Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560093, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) ERICNADHAN JANICLASS ANTHONY** vide affidavit Dated 06 Aug 2020 sworn before By Self Attested at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VINOD SRINIVAS, S/o Srinivas Annamalai R/At No 368 18th Main Road Sector 4 H S R Layout Bengaluru 560102, Have Changed My Name to **VINOD SRINIVAS SERAI** Vide Affidavit Dtd 4/8/2020 Before Natary R Vishwanath Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, ARVIND KUMAR.A son of Sri. Anand Raj.A, residing at No. 1808, E.D. Hospital, Cornation Town, Robertsonpet Post, K.G.F. 563 122, do hereby solamnly affirm and take on oath as follows:- my correct name as **ARVIND KUMAR.** I swear that my correct name spelling is **ARVIND KUMAR.A** is entered in my Aadhar Card No. 6658 9094 7932. I do swear in the name of God that this is my name and signature and the contents of this affidavit are true and correct Vide affidavit dated 27/7/2020 Sworn before Notary Thangaraj, Kolar.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOOD SUPPLIES & CONSUMER WELFARE DEPARTMENT
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Applications are invited for appointment to the posts of whole time **Member** (One) in the **"Odisha State Food Commission"**, set up by Government of Odisha under the provisions of the **National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA).** The Member of the State Food Commission is to perform such duties and functions and exercise such powers as prescribed under the **NFSA** and **Odisha State Food Commission Rules 2016** made there under. The Head Office of the Commission will be at Bhubaneswar.

For complete information on qualification, eligibility criteria, application form and other details, the applicants are requested to visit and download the same from the Department's website **www.foododisha.in** under the 'Notification' link.

The application shall be submitted through Speed Post / Registered Post / By Person only to **"Joint Secretary to Government (NFSA), Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department, Loka Seva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar-751001".**

The last date for receipt of application complete in all respect is **06 September, 2020.**

Sd/-
Joint Secretary

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
15.12	Sensex	38,040.75	₹21	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,612	₹1,396	Per kg	₹75,013	Dollar		74.93
13.9	Nifty	11,214.05	₹21	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,590	₹1.4	Per gm	₹75.01	Euro		89.07

Xiaomi to release OS update sans banned apps

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

CHINESE smartphone maker Xiaomi, which dominates the local smartphone market in terms of sales, is stepping up efforts to adhere to the Indian government's ban on Chinese apps—now developing a new version of its MIUI software.

Xiaomi's apps, including Mi Browser Pro and Mi Community which were among the apps that were on the banned list, are not functional on its handsets anymore. The new version of MIUI is in the works and will be rolled out in a phased manner over the next few weeks, Xiaomi India Head Manu Jain posted on Twitter Friday. "We want to clarify that none of the apps blocked by the Indian Government are available for access on any Xiaomi phones launched in India. Further, we are developing a new version of MIUI that will be built without pre-installation of any of the blocked apps," Jain said. MIUI is the operating system that Xiaomi runs on its smartphones, and is an important part of the company's business model.

All the company's upcoming smartphones will have the updated software and these phones will not come pre-installed with the banned Mi apps, Jain added. Xiaomi also reaffirmed that all its Indian user data stays on local servers since 2018 and "none of this data is shared with anyone outside of India". Recently, the company's Mi Browser had come under fire for collecting user information, but Xiaomi has refuted the allegations. Jain further said that the company "reserves the right" to take legal action against those spreading misinformation about its apps.

> None of the apps blocked by the Indian Government are available for access. We are developing a new version of MIUI built without pre-installation of any blocked apps..
>
> Manu Jain, Business Head, Xiaomi India

Meanwhile, there are several other apps including Mi Store, Mi Cloud and more from Xiaomi available on both Google Play store and Apple App store. Xiaomi preloads some of its own apps onto phones it sells in India. It has also shifted its assembly lines and parts of its supply chain to India to increase localisation.

Confidence at a record low: RBI consumer data

Current situation index at just 53.8 in July, well below the positive sentiment mark

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DETERIORATING job prospects and rising anxieties about personal finances in the wake of the Covid-19 outbreak drove a record drop in consumer confidence in July.

According to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) forward-looking consumer survey, the current situation index (CSI) dropped to 53.8 during the month from 63.7 in May. That is way below the 100-mark, which represents the dividing line between pessimism and optimism. The numbers suggest that consumer confidence has plateaued well below pre-pandemic levels. In March, the CSI was 85.6 compared to 104.6 in March 2019, when confidence was high.

While sentiment had been steadily falling since the government imposed the nationwide lockdown, the future expectations index (FEI) however, charted back into positive territory, indicating that consumers were turning cautiously optimistic with signs of recovery for the year ahead. FEI for the year ahead rebounded, rising to 105.4 in July from 97.9 in May, the survey noted. Last year in July, the CSI was 95.7 and FEI 124.8.

"Consumer perception of the prevailing economic situation, employment scenario and own income was significantly lower than that in May," the RBI said in the report. "Most respondents reported a reduction in discretionary spending" and didn't expect to increase non-essential spending in the coming year as well, it added.

At the same time, the expected inflation among households is rising, making it difficult to cut interest rates to spur spending. Households' inflation expectation increased by 60 basis points in July compared with May.

Separately, the Business Assessment Index also fell to an all-time low of 55.3 in the quarter ended June from 102.2 in the preceding three months. Manufacturing companies assessed were pessimistic on major demand indicators like production, order books, capacity utilisation and employment conditions.

PANEL

RBI constitutes committee on one-time loan restructuring

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the constitution of the committee that is being tasked with framing the rules for the one-time restructuring of borrowings that was announced on Thursday.

As announced, the committee will be hekmed by veteran banker K V Kamath, who has been named the chairman. The other members will include former State Bank of India managing director Diwakar Gupta, who will join from September 1 after the completion of his term as Vice President, Asian Development Bank. Another member will be T N Manoharan, who will join on August 14, after the completion of his tenure as chairman, Canara Bank.

Apart from this, banking expert Ashvin Parekh, and the CEO of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) will also be in the committee with the post of member secretary.

According to the central bank, the committee will submit its recommendations on the financial parameters of the proposed restructuring to be factored in the resolution plans, with sector-specific benchmark ranges for such parameters.

For this task, officials said that it will be fully empowered to consult or invite any person it deems fit, and can devise its own procedures for its internal functioning.

The committee will also undertake the process validation for the resolution plans "without going into the commercial aspects," of all accounts with an aggregate exposure of ₹1,500 crore and above at the time of invocation of the borrowing, according to the country's central bank.

After the committee submits its recommendation, the central bank will notify it along with modifications, if any, within 30 days.

Telecom weathers Covid-19 storm in good shape

JONATHAN ANANDA @ New Delhi

TELECOM seems to be one of the few sectors which have managed to shrug off the crisis spawned by the pandemic—though massive litigation-related provisions still managed to push two of the three private telcos into heavy losses in Q1FY21. Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea posted net losses of ₹15,933 crore and ₹25,460 crore respectively.

But Reliance Jio, the only private operator free from the AGR-related millstone around its rivals' necks, managed to record a whopping 183 per cent y-o-y jump in net profit during the quarter.

In fact, taking aside the AGR-related provisions, Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio have both recorded significant improvements in operational and profitability metrics for the quarter—far removed from the plunge the general economy took after the lockdown beginning March 24.

Airtel's India revenues rose 14.6 per cent and consolidated revenues by 15.4 per cent year-on-year, while EBITDA rose 25.3 per cent. Its average revenue per user (ARPU)—a key measure of profitability—rose sharply from ₹129 in the previous quarter to ₹159 in Q1. Reliance Jio, for its part, saw revenue from operations grow by 33.7 per cent y-o-y, to reach ₹16,557 crore ARPU rose to ₹140.3 compared to ₹130.6 for the March-quarter.

REVENUES UP

34% growth in Reliance Jio's Q1 operational revenue

14.6% growth in Bharti Airtel's India mobile Q1 revenues

But rival Vodafone Idea is not doing as well. It has failed to capitalise fully on the tariff hikes rolled out in December last year by the whole industry. Its revenue from operations declined 5.4 per cent to ₹10,659 crore, primarily driven by a sharp fall in new subscriber additions.

Despite this, analysts see the sector doing better overall. "Indian telcos are likely to weather the coronavirus-led slowdown... we forecast the industry mobile segment's EBITDA to grow by 25 to 30 per cent year-on-year (FY20: 25 per cent) despite expectations for Indian GDP to contract by 5 per cent during this period," said Fitch Ratings.

Kia unveils the Sonet, likely price tag ₹7-12L

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

KOREAN automaker Kia Motors on Friday unveiled the Kia Sonet, the company's third offering for the Indian market. The sub-compact SUV will compete against the likes of Hyundai Venue, Maruti Suzuki Vitara Brezza, Tata Nexon and Ford EcoSport when launched next month at an expected price range of ₹7-12 lakh.

The automaker wants to replicate the success it achieved with its first launch—the Seltos SUV. However, the competition will be a lot more intense for Kia this time, since two other carmakers—Toyota Kirloskar and Nissan—are also gearing up to launch their own models in the segment as buyers continue to opt for compact UVs over sedans and hatchbacks.

"We are extremely excited to introduce the Sonet, which is made in India for the world. After the success of the Seltos and Carnival, we are confident that Kia will revolutionise yet another market segment in India with the Sonet by addressing the unmet needs and aspirations of customers," said Kookhyun Shim, MD and CEO at Kia Motors India.

Kia Motors had debuted in the Indian car market exactly a year ago in August 2019, and since then, it has sold more than one lakh vehicles—the fastest automaker to have reached this target. However, in recent months, the Covid-19 outbreak has seen its factory dispatches taking a double digit fall. Ho Sung Song, President and CEO, Kia Motors Corporation said that about $2 billion in investment has gone into its Indian plant, which is expected to play a crucial role in its global markets. He added that currently, Kia Motors India ships out the Seltos SUV to about 70 countries.

Like the Hyundai Venue, the Sonet will be offered with multiple powertrains. Buyers get a choice of two gasoline engines and five variants of diesel-powered vehicles.

EXPRESS READ

Taxpayers deserve better services: FM

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said taxpayers are nation-builders and the government would come out with a charter of rights for them. The minister also said the government has taken several measures towards simplification, improving transparency and moderation in rates as part of efforts to bring in ease for honest taxpayers.

Bata India Q1 net loss at `100.88 crore

New Delhi: Bata India Ltd on Friday reported a consolidated net loss of ₹100.88 crore for the first quarter ended June 2020 as sales were hit by the Covid-19 related lockdowns. The company had posted a net profit of ₹100.97 crore in the April-June quarter a year ago, Bata India said in a BSE filing. Its revenue from operations was down 84.69 per cent.

Mahindra & Mahindra net profit tanks 97% in Q1, but tractors shine

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MAHINDRA & Mahindra on Friday posted a 97 per cent year-on-year slump in its consolidated net profit to ₹67.79 crore during the first quarter of FY21. It had posted a consolidated net profit of ₹2,259.74 crore during the corresponding quarter last year.

According to the company's statements, M&M's net revenue also declined 56.35 per cent y-o-y to ₹5,589.43 crore during the period. The Group's operations and financial results have been adversely impacted by the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic and the consequent lockdown announced by the government, it added. "The unprecedented shock induced by COVID-19 is the worst that India has seen in the post-independence period. This is the first instance of a simultaneous demand and supply shock — making it different from the previous crisis," it said, adding that a "combination of lower incomes and heightened uncertainty is expected to drag consumer spending and business investment in FY21. "It is now a foregone conclusion that the economy is set to contract during the year—the first time in 41 years," the company statement said.

General outlook remains bleak amidst pandemic

According to the firm, this simultaneous demand and supply shock is a historic first and a "combination of lower incomes and heightened uncertainty is expected to drag consumer spending and business investment in FY21".

Segment-wise, its automotive division witnessed massive setbacks, while farm equipment performed better than during the previous quarter. During the period under review, the company sold 27,565 vehicles, marking a 78 per cent decline in sales, but tractor demand remained strong at 64,140 units during the quarter.

The company said that the "timely relaxation" of the lockdown for the agricultural sector, along with positive rural sentiment has led to good sales numbers for tractors during the quarter despite the supply chain issues, showing a positive growth rates in May and June 2020, Mahindra said.

VIDEO

Microsoft eyes larger TikTok acquisition?

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

MICROSOFT is reportedly planning to acquire popular social video app TikTok in markets like India and Europe too, besides in the earlier announced United States market.

In countries such as India and the US, where governments have actively flagged data privacy concerns over the app's use and Chinese ownership, the takeover will separate the businesses from parent company Bytedance, which faces allegations of being heavily influenced by the Chinese state.

In the US however, the tech giant may have to move fast after President Donald Trump signed an executive order on August 6 banning the app after 45 days. Trump also mentioned India's recent ban on various Chinese apps in the order, stating that India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology asserted that they were "stealing and surreptitiously transmitting users' data in an unauthorized manner to servers which have locations outside India."

Following the latest EO, analysts believe that the valuation of the TikTok, Microsoft deal could be significantly lower than the earlier estimates of $50 billion. Bytedance. Microsoft said on Sunday that following its CEO Satya Nadella's discussions with Trump, it may acquire TikTok in US and other markets like Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

According to a Financial Times report, the firm is now eying other Tiktok units too, such as India where it had generated the highest number of downloads, nearly 611 million, before it was banned in June this year.

The US is also a key market In terms of revenue, accounting for nearly 19 per cent at $86.5 million.

REGULATORY BOOST

Studds aims for domestic market share of 40%

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

STUDDS, the world's largest helmet-maker by volume, aims to capture over 40 per cent of the domestic market over the next three years. The homegrown company has logged a CAGR of 32 per cent over the last three financial years and, despite the annoying pandemic, aims to grow at around 10 per cent in FY21 too.

"According to a 2018 report, 65-70 per cent of the market is for the organised or the ISI-certified players; whereas the rest of the 30 per cent is for the unorganised players.. According to a 2018 Frost and Sullivan report, we have a 27 per cent market share, which has grown to, I guess, 30 per cent now. We want to take this number to 40 per cent in the next three years," Sidhartha Bhushan Khurana, Managing Director, STUDDS Accessories Ltd told this publication.

"The first quarter of FY21 was affected by the pandemic and we saw a 50% decline YoY," he admitted, "but given the quick recovery, we are hopeful to end this fiscal with 10% per cent growth. However, in FY22, we look forward to grow at 50 per cent year on year."

Over 40-years old, the company believes the market opportunity is "pretty big" and that the government's new diktat on banning non-ISI certified helmets will give organised players a big boost.

"That's a very big chunk of the market that'll come to ISI-approved helmets and that'll help branded helmets sell more. The government is also making sure that the riders are wearing helmets-it'll soon be made standard for the pillion riders as well-which is a huge market," Khurana said.

In the FY20, the company sold close to 7.2 million helmets, out of which 500,000 were exported and the rest were sold domestically. To meet the growing demand, the company recently opened up a new manufacturing plant in Faridabad that has a production capacity of 6 million units. This takes its total capacity to 12.5 million bike helmets and 1.5 million bicycle helmets per year.

"Up until last year, we had two manufacturing facilities with a production capacity of 6.5 million units. In FY20, we opened a new unit for the manufacturing of bicycle helmets, with a production capacity of 1.5 million helmets. We have started production in our newest plant with a production capacity of 6 million. So, right now we have a total capacity of 12.5 million bike helmets and 1.5 million bicycle helmets," he noted. Studds is also eyeing a big chunk of the export market, and had come up with the export-focused premium segment SMK brand in 2016.

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Daimler enters into used vehicle business in India

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

DAIMLER India Commercial Vehicles (DICV), the manufacturer of Bharat Benz trucks and buses, announced on Friday its entry into the used vehicle business with the Bharat Benz Exchange programme. And with the government beginning to execute new contracts, the company is also optimistic about demand for trucks picking up.

But, DICV's entry into the used vehicle space is bein gdriven by affordability issues being faced by fleet owners due to the pandemic.

According to Satyakam Arya, MD and CEO of DICV, the is a demand for reliable and quality-assured used vehicles, especially since BS-VI norms have pushed the prices of new trucks higher.

"The used vehicle market is almost three times that of the new vehicle sales market," added Arya. The company will initially deal in used trucks and subsequently extend the service for the bus segment too. "We feel it is the right time to tap the massive potential presented by the used commercial vehicle segment".

The platform will allow customers to exchange their used vehicles of any brand for new or used Bharat Benz trucks.

As for the outlook, DICV has begun to see signs of recovering demand. "There are green shoots emerging from the mining, construction and e-commerce space. The government has started executing fresh contracts, which is triggering demand," he said.

Wolves dig deep to reach Europa quarters

Wolves battled into the quarterfinals of the Europa League on Thursday while Sevilla, Bayer Leverkusen and Basel enjoyed far more comfortable victories. **Raul Jimenez** scored the only goal from the penalty spot in the ninth minute and Wolves edged Olympiakos 1-0 at Molineux for a 2-1 aggregate win. Sevilla cruised past Roma 2-0 in a one-off game at Duisburg.

WOMEN'S ODI WORLD CUP POSTPONED

World body forced to defer showpiece event, India gets to keep T20 WC in 2021

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

THE ICC Women's ODI World Cup, scheduled to take place in New Zealand from February to March, became the second global cricketing event to be deferred in the last two months. The ICC, after its business development wing met via video-conference on Friday, said the event will now be held in 2022, but it has not confirmed the host nation. This means the women's calendar will now have two events in 2022 as a T20 World Cup is also slotted to take place in South Africa.

The other big decision was with regards to the T20 Men's World Cup. India would get to keep the 2021 event, with Australia now hosting the event in 2022. Per the original schedule, the latter was scheduled to host in October-November this year. Both events have been postponed because of the pandemic. The decision to postpone the event in New Zealand is on expected lines as women's cricket has come to a standstill because of the pandemic. Moreover, the qualifiers — scheduled to take place last month in Sri Lanka — was also postponed. The said event will now take place in 2021 with a venue to be announced later.

"We have taken the decision to move the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup to give players from every competing nation the best opportunity to be ready for the world's biggest stage and there is still a global qualifier to complete to decide the final three teams. Moving the event by 12 months gives all competing teams the chance to play a sufficient level of cricket ahead of both the qualification event and leading into a Cricket World Cup so the integrity of the tournament is maintained," ICC Chief Executive Manu Sawhney said.

With regards to the T20 Men's World Cup, the BCCI and Cricket Australia were at loggerheads as to who hosts the event in 2021. Australia wanted to host the postponed event in 2021, but BCCI was firm in its stance that a swap would mean there would be two ICC events happening in India in successive years.

Teams which qualified for the 2020 T20 World Cup in Australia will get to participate in the event to be hosted by India next year and a new qualification process will be announced for the one in 2022.

ENGLAND TOUR POSTPONED

The BCCI confirmed that England's white-ball tour, which was supposed to happen in September-October has been moved to early 2021.

Hockey captain Manpreet & four others Covid-19 positive

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

IN a setback to the men's hockey team, five players, including skipper Manpreet Singh, tested positive for the coronavirus on Friday. Surender Kumar, Jaskaran Singh, Krishan Pathak and Varun Kumar were the other four players to test positive. This is the first time that high profile Indian athletes have returned positive tests at the same time.

All of them had recently returned to the SAI campus in Bengaluru after going on a break for more than a month. Upon returning, they were administered rapid Covid-19 tests before the players were asked to quarantine in their respective rooms for a two week period according to state government rules. Even though all five had returned negative results on the rapid test, as Manpreet and Surender had developed symptoms, they undertook the RT-PCR test on Thursday. The results were conveyed to SAI by the state government, according to a press release by SAI.

"All four tested negative in the rapid test. However, since Manpreet and Surender began to display some Covid-19 symptoms later, they along with other ten athletes who had travelled together were given the Quantitative RT-PCR test on Thursday, and the four have been found to be Covid positive," the release said. After the release dropped, Krishan also tested positive for the virus. The release stated that since all four travelled together to Bengaluru, they might have picked it up then. "Since all the athletes who tested positive had travelled together, there is a high likelihood that they contracted the virus while travelling from their hometowns to Bengaluru." In all 12 athletes travelled together to join the camp, and all of them have been administered the RT-PCR tests. A few more test results are awaited.

The athletes are being kept in isolation for the moment. "All athletes, including Manpreet, who reported to camp were undergoing quarantine as per the Health Ministry guidelines and as a precautionary measure, were kept in isolation to arrest the possibility of transmission of the virus. The quarantined athletes did not interact with other athletes who were already present at the camp," the release noted.

The 28-year-old Manpreet said he was doing fine according to the press release. "I am self quarantined on the SAI campus and I am very happy with the way SAI authorities have handled the situation. I am very happy that they made the testing of athletes mandatory. That proactive step helped in identifying the problem right in time." Meanwhile, sources said it was too early to make a call about the cancellation of the camp. As per the original plan, it's supposed to start around August 20.

EXPRESS READ

Shubhankar toils on opening day

HERTFORDSHIRE (UK): Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma carded an even-par 71 in the opening round, an effort that placed him tied 110th and in danger of missing the cut at the 2020 English Championship here. Sharma hit a couple of birdies on the first two holes but was then unable to maintain the tempo.

ENGLAND BOUNCE BACK

Ben Stokes took two late wickets to help drag England back into the first Test against Pakistan at Old Trafford on Friday. At stumps, Day 3, Pakistan were 137/8. Stuart Broad and Chris Woakes also scalped two wickets each. Pakistan lead by 244 runs. Earlier, England were all out for 219 as Yasir Shah took four wickets | AFP

Jamshedpur FC appoint Coyle as head coach

JAMSHEDPUR: Jamshedpur FC on Friday appointed former Bolton Wanderers manager Owen Coyle as their new head coach ahead of the upcoming Indian Super League season. The 54-year-old Coyle had propelled Chennaiyin FC to a runners-up finish last season. "It's going to be a huge challenge. Young Indian players are hugely important. We have to stand together...," Coyle said.

11 footballers from Bangladesh Covid +ve

DHAKA: Eleven players from the Bangladesh national football squad have tested positive for coronavirus, dealing a blow to their 2022 World Cup qualifying campaign. The infections were confirmed after 24 of 36 players scheduled to join a training camp organised by the team's English coach Jamie Day were tested. "None of them carried any symptoms," Bangladesh FF said Friday.

Akhil to kickoff his season in France

BENGALURU: India's Akhil Rabindra will start his 2020 season later this month with the French FFSA GT4 Championship. The racer's season kicks off on August 21 at Circuit Paul Armagnac de Nogaro in France with the three day of 'Easter Cups from Nagaro" series. He will drive an Aston Martin Racing V8 Vantage GT4 for the AGS Events Racing team.

Bajrang comes to the aid of foreign coach

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

GRECO-ROMAN foreign coach Temo Kazarashvili was staring at an uncertain future since his arrival in India last week. The Georgian was struggling to find a place to stay after completing a seven-day quarantine at a hotel in Sonepat, Haryana on Friday. This was when star wrestler Bajrang Punia came to his rescue and offered him his flat to move in.

Usually, the responsibility of a foreign coach lies with the employer, which in this case is SAI. However, the federation insisted that the coach should have waited for permission from his employer or WFI before flying down to India. Temo turned 61 in May and this might have made the authorities wary especially in the wake of pandemic.

"Yes, he shifted to my flat today (Friday). We have also stocked up groceries and other essential items at the flat so that he doesn't need to go out," Bajrang, who is training at the Inspire Institute of Sport in Vijayanagar, told this daily.

Incidentally, the 65kg wrestler's coach Shako Bentinidis and Temo arrived in the country boarding the same extradition flight meant for Indians stranded in Georgia on July 30. Shako served his seven-day mandatory quarantine period at a hotel in New Delhi before flying out for Vijayanagar.

The WFI said that it made the arrangement for the coach's stay. "He arrived without intimating WFI and SAI. Even the national camp has not resumed in the country. We have asked him to go to Jagjit Singh Academy in Jalandhar," WFI assistant secretary Vinod Tomar said. The coach, however, was in Sonepat till the time of filing of this report. And SAI Sonepat centre is not functional at the moment.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
District Health and Family Welfare Office Koppal
NO: Store/Covid-19/26/2020-21 **Date:02-08-2020**

Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement)

E-procurement Re-Tender has been called for the supply Medical Equipments, Reagents and Drugs for the Covid-19.

1) Last date and time for filing of tenders: 10-08-2020 on before at 5:00PM
2) Opening Date of Technical Bid: 12-08-2020 at 11:00 AM
3) Opening Date of Financial Bid: 14-08-2020 at 11:00 AM

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CITY MUNICIPAL CHINTAMANI

E-Procurement through KW-1,KG-1,KG-2 Documentation
Tender Notification No.CMC/ASHA/CR/05/2020-21 Date: 05.08.2020

On behalf of Governer of Karnataka Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur District has invited tenders subject to conditions for eligible contractors registered under Karnataka Govt E-procurement portal under KTPP-2000 Act. For more details visit **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sl No	Name of Work	Est Amount	EMD Amount	Acct. Head
1	Planting plants in Chintamani Municipal and nurturing for 18 months. Indent No. OW/99600/2019-20 (CALL-2)	Rs. 10.00	Rs. 25,000/-	14th Financial Plan for year 2019-20
2	Buying a funeral vehicle for Chintamani Municipal. Indent No. DMA/2020-21/IND10679	Rs. 11.65	Rs. 30,000/-	
3	About building bio gas plant from raw waste generated in Chintamani Municipality. Indent No.: DMA/2019-20/IND10283(call-2)	Rs. 7.00	Rs. 17,500/-	
4	Implementation of Measurement Machine for measuring the amount of water coming in and out of the Chintamani Municipal STP. Indent No: DMA/2019-20/IND10282(call-2).	Rs. 6.00	Rs. 15,000/-	
5	Providing motorists and other personnel who need solid waste management yearly. Indent No.cmc/ts/hs/cr/41/2019-20 (call-3)	Rs. 47.16	Rs 94,500/-	Municipal fund

Instructions

1	Last date and time for submitting tender at e-procurement	**21.08.2020** upto 17.00 PM
2	Date and time of tender opening in e-procurement	**24.08.2020** after 17.05 PM on that day or on the next working day if that day is govt holiday

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner
City Municipal, Chintamani
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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-Procurement Portal Only)

The undersigned invites tenders in two parts (Part –I: Techno-Commercial Bid and Part-II :Price Bid) through e-procurement portal for providing Xerox services at Corporate Office, Hescom Hubli against tender enquiry No.: HESCOM/SEE(T&P)/EE(T&P)/2020-21/XEROX.

For further details visit the website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on OR after **08-08-2020.**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR WORKS (e-Tender Sl.No. 9)

Sl.No.	Tender Ref./Description of works
	1. UNIT : MINE-I : M/AMC/MS/PTE/D013/2020-21 : Availability based Maintenance of Backhoes of bucket capacity less than 1.0 Cu.M and Shovels & Backhoes of Bucket capacity above 3.0 Cu.M available in Mine-I, Mine-IA and Mine-II with required tools, grease gun and Multi Utility Vehicle during 2020-21. **EMD : ₹ 11,11,000/-**
	2. M/BMC/MS/PTE/D015/2020-21 : Providing assistance for Biennial Maintenance of Crawler Equipments working in Mine-I, Mine-IA and Mine-II for the period 2020-22. **EMD : ₹ 6,13,000/-**
	3. UNIT : ECOLOGY&HORTICULTURE:TA/E&H/TRA-06/2020-21 : Public (Open) re-auction for sale of Eucalyptus trees (pulpwood) with roots near 33/11 KV Substation-II. **Period of Collection :** 120 days. **Location :** G-28 office. **EMD : ₹ 12,61,000/-**
	4. TA/E&H/TRA-07/2020-21 : Public auction for sale of Teak trees in the area of TPS-I Ash pond bund for advancement of Mine-I. **Period of Collection :** 45 days. **Location :** G-28 office. **EMD : ₹ 89,000/-**
	5. UNIT : TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION : 046/RB/2020-21 : Widening and Recarpetting of Certain Inner Roads in north Zone of NTS. **EMD : ₹ 1,76,000/-**
	6. UNIT : MINE-II : MII/NASH/SMD/PTE/C040/2020-21 : SMD-Inside Mines-Non-AMC-Maintenance of Inside Mines Roads in Mine II during 2020-21. **EMD : ₹ 1,19,000/-**
	7. MII/NASH/SMD/PTE/C041/2020-21 : SMD-Non-AMC-Hi Tech-open cultivation of vegetables including mulching in dumping area (20Ha.) of Mine II (Phase-II). **EMD : ₹ 2,82,000/-**
	8. UNIT : NEYVELI NEW THERMAL POWER PROJECT : NNTPP/CIVIL/PTE/T.No.201/2020 dt. 06.08.2020 : Construction of chemical storage shed at WCTP in NNTPP (2 x 500MW) as per the scope of work and special conditions enclosed). **EMD : ₹ 70,000/-**
	9. NTPL/TUTICORIN:CEO/NTPL/CONT/CIVIL/PTE/2594 dt. 03.08.2020 : BMC for maintenance of lawn and garden at NTPL Township and Guest House. **EMD : ₹ 68,000/-**

Cost of Tender Document } Sl.No.1 to 3, 5 to 9 : ₹ 2,000/- (each); Sl.No.4 : ₹ 600/-
Approximate value of work : Sl.No.8 : ₹ 32,53,392/-
Gross Tender Value : Sl.No.5 : ₹ 75,33,367.13
Period of Work/Contract : Sl.No.5 : 150 days from the date of handing over site; Sl.No.8 : Four months from the date of handing over site; Sl.No.9 : Two years from the date of handing over site.
Pre Bid Conference at 11.00 Hrs.: Sl.No.8 : On 21.08.2020

S.No.	Last date for sale	Last date for receipt	Date & time of opening
1	20.08.2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	21.08.2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	21.08.2020 At 15.30 Hrs.
2&6	25.08.2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	26.08.2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	26.08.2020 At 15.30 Hrs.
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No: EE/RNR/E-PROC/05/2020-21 Date: 07.08.2020

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Name of the Approved Work	Estimated Cost (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (₹. in Lakhs)
Reserved for General		1.80 (1.00 Lakh through E-Portal and Balance Amount in the Form of BG)
Construction of RCC Box Drain from Kempegowda Ground to Magadi Road Kamakshipalya in **Ward No-101.**	**120.00**	

Calendar of Events : (1) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders on **27.08.2020** upto **4:00 pm** (2) Pre-Bid Meeting in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Rajajinagara Division, Sir. M.Vishweshwaraiah Commercial Complex, 12th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru - 10 on **21.08.2020** at **4:00** pm. (3) Opening of Tender Document is **27.08.2020** at **4:00** pm. (4) Opening of Financial Bid Document will be intimated later to the successful Technically Qualifying Bidders. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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Govt. of Karnataka
Office of the Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Chithradurga
Government residential school building, Opp. Government Science College, Chithradurga-577501. Ph.No. : 08194-222937 E-mail: dswoctadst434@gmail.com

No. DD/SWD/CTD/TENDER-1/CR/2020-21 Date: 30.07.2020

NOTICE

Tender has been invited through e-procurement for the supply of food, vegetable and other daily commodities has been called to the centre of Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga district, for housing refugee relief centre (Gonoor) in Chitradurga district for the year 2020-21.The said tender information is as follows.

1) **Tender Ref No:- SWD/2020-21/IND1266/CALL-2**
2) **Tender Amount : Rs. 88.74 Lakhs**
3) **Tender Publishing Date: 28.07.2020**
4) **Last Date & Time for submission of Tender: 11.08.2020 / 5.00 pm**
5) **Date & Time for samples submission: 11.08.2020/ 5.00pm**
6) **Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid:- 13.08.2020 / 5.00pm**
7) **Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid 14.08.2020/ 11.00am**
8) **EMD Amount: Rs. 1.33 Lakhs**
9) **Any other Details See Tender document.**

Sd/ -Director
Department of Social Welfare
Chitradurga
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KERALA STATE TRANSPORT PROJECT
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
E-Procurement Notice, (Engineering, Procurement, Construction ("EPC") Contract following Two Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Dated: 08.08.2020

1. The Government of India has received financing as Development policy loans from the World Bank towards the cost of rebuilding climate resilient infrastructures in Kerala and Government of Kerala (GoK) intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for construction of works as detailed below.
2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedures as per the World Bank & GoK guidelines. Bidding is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers
3. The Project Director, Kerala State Transport Project, Public Works Department, Government of Kerala, now invites online bids through EPC mode of execution for the construction of works detailed below:

State	Bid No	Name of work	Length km	Completion Period	Maintenance Period
Kerala	KSTP II/RKI-13	Up gradation of Kumbla-Badiadka-Mulleria Road	29.135 Km	18 Months	5 Years
Kerala	KSTP II/RKI-14	Up-gradation of Koyilandy thamarassery Mukkam Areekkode Edavanna Road • km: 0.00 to 25.31 - Koyilandy to Ponoor • km: 25.31 to 37.93 - Ponoor to Omassery • km: 37.93 to 51.02 Omassery to Eranhimav	51.020 Km	24 Months	5 Years
Kerala	KSTP II/RKI-15	Up-gradation of Vythiri - Tharuvana Road	21.835 Km	18 Months	5 Years

4. The complete bid document can be viewed/downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Kerala Government https://etenders.kerala.gov.in/ from 18/08/2020 to 03/10/2020 (up to 16:00 Hrs. IST). Bids received online shall be opened on same day 03/10/2020 (at 16.30 hours IST).
5. Bids received through any other mode shall not be entertained. However, EMD, tender fee, Power of Attorney, joint bidding agreement, etc. need to be submitted physically by the Bidder on or before 03/10/2020 (up to 16:00 hours IST). Please note that the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.
6. The address for communication is as under.
Project Director, Kerala State Transport Project, Project Management Team, T.C.11/339, Sree Bala Building, Keston Road, Nanthancode, Kowdiar P.O., Thiruvananthapuram-695003, e-mail:pdkstp@gmail.com, cepmtkstp@gmail.com

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People who feel dizzy or lightheaded when they stand up may have an increased risk of developing dementia, according to a study published in the journal *Neurology*.

Google has officially discontinued the Pixel 4 and Pixel 4 XL smartphones in the US and some other regions, but are still available in partner stores for the time being, *CNET* reported.

A fishbone lies on a dry part of the bed of the River Loire in France | AFP

EXFILE

CLIMATE CHANGE MAY PROLONG DROUGHTS IN EUROPE

Punishing two-year droughts like the record-breaking one that gripped Central Europe from 2018 to 2019 could become much more frequent if the region fails to curb greenhouse gas emissions, researchers said in new study published this week. We take a look how this would affect huge swathes of cultivated land in the continent

5 YEARS IN A ROW

The five hottest years in recorded history have occurred in the last five years

This extreme heat was exacerbated in 2018 and 2019 by two consecutive summers of drought

The extreme heat affected more than half of Central Europe, according to the study in *Scientific Reports*

1766

Researchers in Germany and the Czech Republic used data going back to 1766

They concluded that the **2018-2019** drought was the largest and most severe dry spell ever recorded

> *The observational record suggests that the ongoing 2018-2019 European drought event is unprecedented in the last 250 years, with substantial implications for vegetation health*
>
> Study

AIM OF THE STUDY

Researchers sought to estimate whether prolonged droughts would become more frequent in the future by using global climate change models

DROUGHT TO INCREASE 7-FOLD

Under a scenario where greenhouse gas emissions continue their inexorable rise, the researchers predicted that the number of extreme two-year droughts will increase sevenfold in Europe in the second half of this century

> *This projection also suggested that drought-affected cropland areas across Central Europe will nearly double*
>
> Rohini Kumar, co-author, UFZ-Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research

40 MILLION

hectares of cultivated land affected — equivalent to 60% of all crop areas in the region would be affected

PREDICTIONS

When researchers modelled for moderate emissions, the predicted number of two-year droughts halved compared to the worst case scenario, while the area expected to be hit by the drought also reduced

This suggests a reduction in emissions could lower the risk of these damaging dry periods, said researchers

THREAT TO AGRICULTURE

A two-year dry period presents a far greater threat to vegetation than the single-summer droughts of previous years because the land cannot recover quickly

1/5TH

of the Central European region had recorded poor vegetation health in the last two years

34%

of the total land area in the region is extensively used for agricultural purposes, the study found

Emission drop won't slow climate change

Study finds lower greenhouse gases during Feb to June were only temporary and unlikely to influence environment

NO LOCKDOWN IMPACT

PARIS: The unprecedented fall in greenhouse gas emissions from lockdowns during the pandemic will do "nothing" to slow climate change without a lasting switch from fossil fuels, an international team of researchers said on Friday.

Global emissions from the burning of coal, oil and gas could fall up to eight per cent in 2020 after governments moved to confine billions of people to their homes in a bid to slow the spread of Covid-19.

But absence of a systemic change in how the world powers and feeds itself, experts warned in the study on Friday that the emissions saved during lockdown would be essentially meaningless.

Using open source data, the team calculated how levels of 10 different greenhouse gases and air pollutants changed in more than 120 countries between February and June this year. They found that pollution such as carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides fell in the period by between 10 and 30 per cent.

However, given that the "massive behavioural shifts" during lockdown were only temporary, lower emissions so far this year are unlikely to influence the climate.

Even assuming travel restrictions and social distancing continue to the end of 2021, the team concluded that this would only save 0.01 degree Celsius of warming by 2030.

"Lockdown showed that we can change and change fast, but it also showed the limits of behaviour change," Piers Forster, study co-author and director of the Priestley International Centre for Climate at Britain's University of Leeds.

> **The fall in emissions we experienced during Covid-19 is temporary and therefore it will do nothing to slow down climate change. But the government responses could be a turning point if they focus on a green recovery, helping to avoid severe impacts from climate change**
>
> Corinne Le Quere, study's co-author, University of East Anglia

"Without underlying structural change we won't make it," he told *AFP*.

The 2015 Paris climate deal saw nations commit to limit temperature rises to "well below" two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels through sweeping emissions cuts.

It also set a safer goal of a 1.5°C. The UN says that in order to keep 1.5°C in play global emissions must fall 7.6 per cent annually this decade. That is roughly equivalent to the anticipated emissions fall this year. But given that took one of the largest economic slowdowns in history, Forster said it was unlikely to be repeated as countries look to recover.

"If I'm brutally honest, the world is unlikely to decarbonise at the rates required for 1.5°C, but getting anywhere close will make our children's future better," he said.

The study, published in *Nature Climate Change*, also modelled options for post-lockdown recovery which the authors said showed a unique opportunity for structural change to the global economy.

A "strong green stimulus", which would see an additional 1.2 per cent of gross domestic product invested in low carbon technology could slash emissions by half by 2030 compared with a fossil fuel-led recovery, the authors said.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Vit D keeps vertigo away?

NO SPINNING

Researchers have revealed that taking vitamin D and calcium twice a day may reduce your chances of getting vertigo again — a sudden internal or external spinning sensation, often triggered by moving your head too quickly. "Our study suggests that for people with benign paroxysmal positional vertigo, taking a supplement of vitamin D and calcium is a simple, low-risk way to prevent vertigo from recurring," said study researcher Ji-Soo Kim from Seoul National University in South Korea. Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo happens when a change in head position gives you a sudden spinning sensation, said researchers in a paper published in *Neurology*.

Florida turtles released in sea

ANIMAL RESCUE

Two rehabilitated sea turtles, rescued at different times and locations by the US Coast Guard, have been released off the Florida Keys. 'Emma', a 168-kilogramme female loggerhead sea turtle, was recovered in June after she was found floating in the Atlantic Ocean off Islamorada. Emma was transported to the Turtle Hospital where treatment included emptying excess air out of her body cavity and a regimen of fluids and vitamins. 'Bubbles', a 100-kilogramme adult female green sea turtle, was found entangled in an abandoned fishing trap line by recreational boaters in mid-June off Long Key. The Turtle Hospital has been rescuing sea turtles since 1986.

27 human genes renamed to prevent Excel from misreading

EXCEL MISREADING

SAN FRANCISCO: Scientists have renamed some 27 human gene symbols over the past year or so to prevent Microsoft Excel from misreading them as dates, said a media report.

Scientists assign to human genes an alphanumeric code, known as a symbol, to coordinate their research.

For example, for "Membrane Associated Ring-CH-Type Finger 1", they used to use the symbol MARCH1.

While using such a symbol in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, scientists found that it got converted into a date — 1-Mar —1 due to a default setting.

To prevent Microsoft Excel from auto converting these gene symbols into dates, the HUGO Gene Nomenclature Committee, or HGNC, the scientific body in charge of standardising the names of genes, has taken some steps.

HGNC this week published new guidelines for gene naming, including for "symbols that affect data handling and retrieval," *The Verge* reported on Thursday.

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US woman receives 2nd face transplant

BREAKTHROUGH

BOSTON: For the second time in a decade, a New Hampshire woman has a new face.

Carmen Blandin Tarleton, whose face was disfigured in an attack by her ex-husband, became the first American and only the second person globally to undergo the procedure after her first transplant began to fail six years after the operation. The transplant from an anonymous donor took place at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital in July.

The 52-year-old former nurse is expected to resume her normal routine, which all but ended when the first transplant failed a year ago.

"I'm elated," Tarleton told *AP*, in an exclusive telephone interview from her home in Manchester. She is still healing from the operation so photos are not being made available of her new face.

More than 40 patients worldwide have received face transplants, including 16 in the US. None of the American patients had lost their donor faces until Tarleton.

Dr. Bohdan Pomahac, who did Tarleton's first face transplant, was hesitant to do another and favoured doing reconstruction surgery instead. But his team became convinced of the merits of a second transplant after Tarleton described how much the first one improved her life.

"She really wanted to try one more time," said Pomahac, who led the 20-hour, second surgery. A team of around 45 clinicians removed the failing transplant and then prepared sensory nerves and blood vessels in the neck for the surgical connection. The face was then transplanted and Tarleton will gain sensory and motor function in the coming months.

Carmen Blandin Tarleton following her first face transplant in May, 2013 | AP

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Darshan's Kurukshetra clocks one year

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DAY'S DIARY

Birth anniversary

Dilip Narayan Sardesai, the Renaissance man of Indian cricket, was born on this day in 1940. He was the only Goa-born cricketer to play for India

LEGACY

He is regarded as one of the best batsmen of his time against spin bowling. In a career that spanned over a decade, Sardesai scored more than 10,000 first-class runs representing Mumbai Ranji team and India

ON THE FIELD

He established himself as one of the finest Indian batsmen when India was touring the Carribean, seeking a first-ever win against the West Indies, then led by Sir Gary Sobers

AWARDS

Sardesai won Arjuna Award for excellence in sports in 1970. The BCCI confers the Dilip Sardesai Award to both the highest wicket-taker and highest run-getter in Test cricket

FORGING NEW TIES

Sugita Akiko, who recently took over as the Consul General of Japan in Bengaluru, hopes to promote Sake and grape wine here, and encourage Japanese tourists to come to the city to experience Ayurveda and yoga

• Vidya Iyengar

As a high school student who studied Indian history, **Sugita Akiko**, who recently took over as the Consul General of Japan in Bengaluru, recalls being so interested in it, that she wanted to study Hindi. While the dream didn't realise then, Sugita – who visited Delhi and Mumbai in 2009 and 2011 – is hoping that this desire turns a possibility during her term here. Previously posted in Singapore, she came to Bengaluru in June-end, although she got an official notice in April.

As the second Consul-General of Japan in Bengaluru, and the first woman to hold this post, 61-year-old Sugita says she comes from an "older generation" that values tradition as well as career pursuit without compromising on family life. "I serve dishes, clean them at home, and have been actively involved in child caring. At the same time, in my official role, I speak up like a man. I've been lucky not to face any sort of discrimination because of gender in my 40-year career," says Sugita. Her son, Yuki Sugita, who has graduated from university, now lives in Bengaluru.

But she does admit that the gender gap prevalent in Japan's workforce is something that has to be worked on. "The target of 30 per cent of women in the management levels in the workforce, which was to be achieved by 2020 by the government of Japan, might take longer than imagined. As of 2019, there were only 14.8 per cent women in the management levels in both the public and private sectors. Even the lower house of parliament has only a 9.9 per cent representation by women," she points out.

Since she has taken over at a tumultuous time, Sugita is working around the new normal, holding meetings virtually. "It is challenging for me or anyone new, who is starting a new job. At the same time, I'm hoping that this global crisis will, in fact, lead to a digital transformation for advancing social and economic activities. Bengaluru has a key role to play here and it's important for both the countries to work together on digital transformation, in the healthcare sector in particular," she says, adding that the moment calls for patience.

> **It is challenging for anyone who is starting a new job. I'm hoping that this global crisis will lead to a digital transformation for advancing economic activities**
> — Sugita Akiko

Sugita plans to continue events such as the Japanese food festival and Cosplay walk, which were introduced by her predecessor, Takayuki Kitagawa. "I'm also hoping to promote Sake (made from rice) and wine (made from grapes) here," she says, adding that her agenda also includes encouraging Japanese tourists to come to the city to experience Ayurveda and yoga, which have gained prominence back home. "Many Japanese assume that the Indian weather is really hot. But it's breezy and there's a lot of greenery, which makes Bengaluru a good tourist spot," says Sugita.

Although she has not ventured out beyond visits to 1-MG and Mantri Mall, Sugita has been able to sample some Indian cuisine, courtesy her chef, Sunita Khatri, who has prepared pulao and other rice dishes. Still getting used to the concept of 'Indian Standard Time', she got first-hand experience when she placed an order for a delivery which was supposed to reach by 6pm, but didn't come for two hours. "Later, I realised that the timing had been changed without my being notified," she says. "But I'm adjusting myself to it."

Hard to read scripts when people need help: Sonu Sood

• Express Features

TIME PASS

Sonu Sood's philanthropy during the lockdown has earned him a new level of fame and respect. The *Dabangg* actor, among other deeds of kindness, has been instrumental in helping migrant people stuck in the country and abroad, reach their homes. In the latest edition of Time Pass, a series of webinars organised by The New Indian Express group, the actor spoke at length with senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai about the joy inherent in reaching out to the needy. "Putting a smile on their faces is the most special feeling. No blockbuster has given me such a feeling," he said.

This new journey for the actor began when he was distributing food to women who had to return to Karnataka. He procured necessary permissions for them, and helped them reach home. During the drive back home, all he saw was people who had similar plights, seeking shelter on the roads and under bridges. "It is easy to blame the government or other individuals, but I believe in doing my bit too. If we all spent 15 minutes every day helping someone, our world would be all the better."

His goals took wings, and so did the challenges. From sending buses to arranging chartered flights overseas to help the stranded, Sonu's work has touched the lives of thousands of Indians across the globe. The actor shared that it wasn't easy and mentioned the long chain of permissions that need to be acquired at every step. "It is a lot of phone calls and video conferences. The going was difficult during the first week, but word spread after that. After that, authorities across states I reached out to, were extremely helpful. Emotions do touch people."

Consequently, the number of requests grew, and so did his team, as volunteers poured in to help. They help him sift through the requests and also pitch in with assistance over the logistics of operations. "Volunteers, who have tasted the happiness of helping someone, decide to stick around. I don't want to miss any genuine request. I have put my family members to work as well." The actor has found several ways to help, including tying up with medicine dispensers across the country to ensure that people in need get it. "Now, it has become a responsibility that keeps me on my toes, because there is someone, somewhere who is always in need of help."

But wasn't he worried about his personal safety in times of a pandemic? "If I had worried about my safety, this wouldn't have happened. My family was initially scared, but I need to be there on the ground to do what needs to be done." The actor does remember to follow some precautions. "I ensure that I stay physically away from my children."

Sonu said that the experience has recalibrated him as a person. "I got four-five scripts to read over the last 100 days, but I haven't been able to. It is difficult to concentrate when you know someone is in need of help. I don't know how long I can continue with this, but I want to do this forever." He added that this is the most special time of his life. "I thought I made my parents proud whenever I did a film, but I have truly made them proud only now. Success and failure are temporary, but these 100-odd days will stay with me forever."

> **It is easy to blame the government or other individuals, but I believe in doing my bit too**
> — Sonu Sood, actor

'City's biggest concern now is reviving economy'

BENGALURU BEATS

The issues that Bengaluru was facing in the pre-corona days and at present are very different. Before the pandemic emerged, it was more about civic issue like traffic, parking, etc. The city developed rapidly, and every area tried to become self-sustainable with having their own restaurants or bars. Initially it started off well, but eventually issues like parking, loud music, over-crowded streets, started arising. We lacked proper planning before the city saw its growth spurt. Earlier, if we had to go shopping or clubbing, we knew we had to go to Brigade Road, but now there is a shopping complex and club everywhere.

As the population has increased rapidly, it has also brought about traffic issues. It might not be the primary issue now, with people working from home, but that's something the city will have to face again once normalcy gets restored. Right now, the biggest concern of the city should be the getting its economy back.

• **Chetan Hegde**
Restaurateur

Speaking from the perspective of the F&B industry, even if the lockdown has been eased and restaurants are open to serve and deliver food, we hardly make 10 per cent of the business. Add to that the cost of real estate and salaries to be paid. There is no subsidy coming from landlords either.

With work from home becoming the new normal, many people have left for their native places, and that's understandable since Bengaluru is an extremely expensive city. But we have also lost big revenue there. Every business is interconnected. Since we are facing losses now, we are not able to place the same amount of orders with our meat or vegetable vendors, etc, and so they are also suffering. The government need to find a way to deal with the issue, otherwise almost six months of hardly any business is nothing less than an obituary to different industries.

SOLUTION: Most of our issues will be sorted if we have a clarity on rules. For example, sometime ago, the government banned live music overnight but after a few weeks, it was again allowed. No one is sure about the rules and regulation to be followed. We cannot change the way the city has been the developed, but citizens can always raise their concerns with proper groups to discuss the problems, and the authorities are equally responsible to come up with a proper solution.

Let your mixed feelings about Bengaluru get stirred up, as an influential person talks about things nice and nasty about the city in this weekly column

CITY READ

Mall introduces video shopping

Inorbit Mall Whitefield introduced a video calling facility and a curb-side pick-up service to ensure consumer safety. With video call facility, shoppers can select products from home, make the payment online and their orders will be delivered home at no additional cost. Curb-side pick-up allows a consumer to collect this order from the 'curb' after completing the transaction online. The order gets delivered to the consumer in his car.

Serving with dedication: 30 million meals in 10 countries

• Express Features

Robin Hood Army, a zero-funds organisation working with volunteers to serve surplus food from restaurants and the community to the underprivileged, has pledged to serve 30 million meals under its #Mission30M initiative. As part of this, the organisers will be distributing the meals not just to India's rural and urban areas, but also across Bahrain, Botswana, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Uganda, with 50,000 volunteers by August 15. The mission, which got underway from July 1, 2020, has already served 12.5 million meals across 143 cities and nine countries in 33 days.

Volunteers aim to serve meals in other countries as well

Founder Neel Ghose says Covid-19 has left millions without a livelihood, resulting in a stark hunger problem. "It is easy to brush off responsibility to authorities, but this is a crisis that needs to be dealt not just by governments but also by civil society," he says. A member of the organisation since 2018, Shubham Patankar says the need of the hour in Bengaluru is more than 10,000 dry ration kits. "Some of the most affected people are community cleaners, daily wage labourers, house helps, auto drivers, etc. They have lost their jobs because of the pandemic. We are able to do this with the help of local authorities," he adds.

FRUITY FLAKES SALAD

INGREDIENTS

FRUITY FLAKES
- **Plain corn flakes:** 1 cup
- **Mint leaves:** 2 tbsp, finely chopped
- Any three fruits of your choice (chopped)

LIME DRESSING
- **Olive oil:** 1/2 tbsp
- **Lime juice:** 2 tsp
- **Salt, pepper and sugar:** As per taste

METHOD
- In a large bowl, add corn flakes, fruits and mint leaves. Mix well.
- In a small bowl, add olive oil. Add lime juice, salt, pepper and sugar. Mix well and the lime dressing is ready.
- Pour the lime dressing over the fruits. Mix gently and serve.

– by Nivetha Raja, Coimbatore

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

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NATURE TALK

VOCAL SAC (IN FROGS AND TOADS)

A skin-flap-airbag which is not a sound amplifier, as is commonly thought but a multi-use neck balloon. A vocal sac stores air for the anuran to 'circularly breathe', allowing it to call for hours without a break. Vocal sacs help propagate sound omnidirectionally within a small frequency bandwidth. They also decrease the 'acoustic impedance' difference between the frog's body and the environment, minimizing loss of sound energy. Vocal sacs and their movements are strong visual and courting signals to females and conspecific males. Frogs and toads are also thought to signal and communicate seismically with their vocal sacs, by vibrations through water and land.

– by M Yuvan

BRIGHT SPOT

FLORAL TRIBUTE

Although based in Los Angeles, artist Michael Gittes wanted to send hundreds of his paintings 3,000 miles away to New York City to remind hospital staffers that he is grateful for their work in the fight against COVID-19. As a means of commemorating their heroics, Gittes gifted a unique floral painting to every doctor, receptionist, janitor, inventory manager, cook, administrator, and nurse at the Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn. At the height of the pandemic, the nonprofit healthcare facility was chock-a-block full of patients, sometimes treating over 100 people per day. Gittes wanted to say a special 'thank you', and used syringes to create the expressionist paintings. The framing and shipping of the paintings was facilitated by money amassed by Gittes from private collectors purchasing his paintings. Every flower represents each employee's contribution to tending a garden of life in the Big Apple, while the use of the syringe, he feels, represents the healing power of both the hospital workers and his gifted pieces.

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- Cast: Yogesh, Aindrita Ray, Prakash Raj

SHRAVANI SUBRAMANYA
When Shravani finds out that her boyfriend, Sudeep, is a thug, she attempts to escape from his clutches. Subramanya, a budding singer, tries to save her from Sudeep.
- Cast: Ganesh, Amulya

ANGADI THERU
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- Cast: Mahesh, Anjali, Sneha

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In a series of visual, animated love letters, designer Debbie Millman reflects on the things she's grateful for by exploring the wonders of her garden, New York City, travel and storytelling. "As we navigate through this crisis, I'm hopeful we will find some solace together," she says.

FIT BIT

AGNISTAMBHASANA
(FIRE LOG POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'agni' means 'fire' or 'ignite', 'stambh' means 'log' or 'statue', and 'asana' means 'pose'. It is also known as double pigeon pose or burning log pose. It is an intermediate seated hip-opening asana. Traditionally, it opens the Muladhara (root) chakra. Opening this chakra provides mental and emotional grounding, thus increasing the individual's sense of security and peace.

STEPS
- Sit on the yoga mat with knees bent and feet on the ground.
- Slowly lift your shoulders up and firmly roll your upper arm back. Now press the shoulder blades in backward direction.
- Put your left foot under your right leg outside your hip; keep right leg on the floor. Stack your right leg on your left leg. Make sure that your right ankle is outside the left ankle.
- If your hips are more flexible, you can slide your left shin in the forward direction under the right one. Keep your left heel beside your right hip. If your hips feel tight hips and you sense discomfort, then sit in Sukhasana.
- Press your heels and expand your toes.
- Keep your trunk long, breathe out and fold forward from your groin. Make sure not to round forward from your belly.
- Keep some space between your navel and pubis. Keep your hands on the floor in front of your calf.
- While breathing, note how your torso lifts up slightly; when it does, try to lengthen from your pubis to your sternum. On the next exhale, fold it deeper.
- You can remain in this pose for 1-3 minutes. Breathe in and release the pose, sit comfortably in Sukhasana.
- Repeat the process with the left leg on top.

BENEFITS
- Reduces tension, anxiety and stress
- Stimulates abdominal organs, strengthens legs and calves.
- Excellent pose for stretching the hips, thighs, knees, ankles and the groin.
- In the forward bending variation of the pose, the spine and the abdominal muscles are stretched.
- It generates internal heat which is highly detoxifying.
- It develops a sense of stability and being centered.

LIMITATIONS
- If you have pain in the knees or hips avoid this pose.
- Avoid forward bending variation if you have lower back pain.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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BANDISH BANDITS (Hindi, series)
Despite their contrasting personalities, Indian classical singer Radhe and pop star Tamanna set out together on a journey of self-discovery to see if opposites, though they might attract, can also adapt and go the long haul.
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A woman suffering from multiple personality disorder experiences a lot of problems as she ends up playing the role of various characters, which are nothing but the reflections of her life.
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The film revolves around the daily routine of a labourer's daughter, who goes to school after completing her chores.
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LONDONALLI LAMBODARA (Kannada)
Lambodara, a lazy man and staunch believer in astrology, leaves for London to pursue his dream. However, his beliefs are put to test when his life turns chaotic within a short span of time.
- Cast: Shruti Prakash, Sampath Raj, Santhu Swindon
- Watch on: Zee5
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

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AMMACHI YEMBA NENAPU (Kannada)
Based on three short stories written by Sahitya Akademi Award winning writer Vaidehi. All the stories revolve around women in different stages of their lives, and how they suffer at the hands of men in a patriarchal society.
- Cast: Raj B. Shetty, Vyjayanti V. Adiga, Diya Palakkal
- Watch: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

OMERTA (Hindi)
A recounting of the story of infamous British-born terrorist Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, who kidnapped and murdered Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl in 2002.
- Cast: Rajkummar Rao, Rajesh Tailang, Keval Arora, Rupinder Nagra
- Watch on: Zee5
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

TUMBBAD (Hindi)
When a family builds a shrine for Hastar, a monster who is never to be worshipped, and attempts to get their hands on his cursed wealth, they face catastrophic consequences.
- Cast: Sohum Shah, Ronjini Chakraborty, Mohammad Samad, Jyoti Malshe
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

INTERSTELLAR (English)
In the future, where Earth is becoming uninhabitable, farmer and ex-NASA pilot Cooper is asked to pilot a spacecraft along with a team of researchers to find a new planet for humans.
- Cast: Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastian, Michael Caine, Mackenzie Foy
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

THE WAILING (Japanese, Korean)
Suspicion leads to hysteria when rural villagers link a series of brutal murders to the arrival of a mysterious stranger.
- Cast: Chun Woo-Hee, Jun Kunimura, Hwang Jung-min, Kwak Do-won
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

FEEL THE BEAT (English)
After failing to find success on Broadway, April returns to her hometown and is recruited to train a misfit group of young dancers.
- Cast: Sofia Carson, Wolfgang Novogratz, Brandon Kyle Goodman
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

CLUELESS (English)
Cher is a rich high-school student who is learning to cope with adolescence and its problems. She also helps a new student gain popularity and in the process discovers her own feelings.
- Cast: Alicia Silverstone, Paul Rudd, Brittany Murphy, Stacey Dash
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

SHIFTING THE FOCUS

RUBINATIONS
RUBI CHAKRAVARTI
writer, actor and funny girl

Good morning,
my fellow mood swingers!

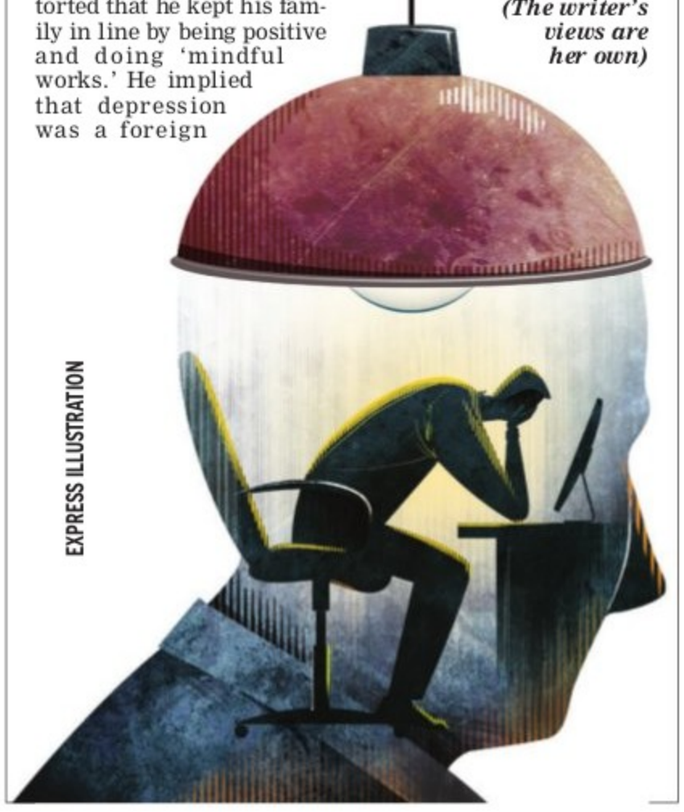
You know, I say it as it is! A well-known healer (I'd like to call him a therapist, though he abhors the word) once told me that not taking any type of 'bovine excrement' (I am being polite) and fighting (quite vociferously) for something blatantly unjust, has been pre-programmed into my DNA. Since it fed into my martyr complex I was quite chuffed with what he said, until I discovered some not-so-likeable traits about myself. I understood that when my healer held up a mirror of introspection up to my face, I didn't always like the reflection that stared back at me. We are so caught up into a 'looking good' web of our own making that it is sometimes quite difficult to puncture a hole in that scenario. That is why we suffer ghosts from our past and present, develop fears and complexes, and torture our minds and tie it into knots rather than admit we have a mental illness and need help.

Just this morning I encountered my portly neighbour on our foyer. We exchanged inane pleasantries and with some casual neighbourly chit-chat... which involved a detailed medical diagnosis about his hemorrhoids and the state of his rectum! He explained in detail how he had managed to procure himself a seating ring from Singapore even during these difficult times, to give relief to his 'heynus' (his word not mine)! All this really 'intimate' casual conversation in the foyer was deemed perfectly natural, but, when I jokingly stated that staying locked in during the lockdown has made us all a little crazy, he looked veritably shocked at the suggestion. He immediately retorted that he kept his family in line by being positive and doing 'mindful works.' He implied that depression was a foreign concept touted by psychiatrists to mislead the youth. His remedy was to be silent and pray to a higher power. The 'higher power' I understood but the 'stay silent' troubled me. Here is a man who would discuss the inner working of his private parts with me but refused to acknowledge that mental-health issues exist!

A dangerous trend has overtaken our country and it is another virus that is insidiously threatening to hijack logical minds. Take the number one topic of discussion in our country today. I've had inquiries from Bollywood aficionados from overseas too, wanting the inside scoop regarding the tragic death (suicide) of a handsome actor. Another actor (a curly-haired one with the dubious credit for having a fascination for married men), has cleverly cast aspersions and accusations, baying for the blood of big names in the industry, settling personal scores and somehow tying them into what she calls the 'murder' of this young man. She is ably joined by an 'anchor' that is a one-man judge and jury, who calls people on his show and does not allow them to get a word in.

How ironical, that both these individuals play their moves on a political chessboard, bullying their foes and accusing them of being 'anti-national' when they are busy pitting Indians against each other. They have done the ultimate sin of shifting the focus from the devastation our country is going through, pilfered funds, apathy, lack of medical facilities, justification for playing the religious card, and disregard for the average Indian dealing with sickness, death and economic ruin. My people ask for justice for a suicide and a CBI inquiry on my tax money... yet no one asks for justice or an inquiry for the millions of migrant labourers... my people who languished and perished. This... is my India!

(The writer's views are her own)



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

ASLAM GAFOOR

Brunches, Beer & Bonhomie

Take a break from cooking, and feast in style at home over a lazy, indulgent weekend brunch, made by star hotels

If you want to stay in and savour a weekend brunch from the comfort of your home, then there is good news at hand. Several star hotels are delivering a stylish feast right at your doorstep. Take, for instance, The Oberoi, Bangalore, that has introduced Oberoi @ Home bespoke Sunday brunch. The menu, theme and set-up will be finalised after a private consultation with the F&B team and a recce of your home will be carried out to evaluate the space, infrastructure and logistics. Besides delicious dishes, they guarantee subtle floral touches, crockery, cutlery and efficient service.

The culinary team at Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway is also dishing out cyclic brunch menus, including delicious Persian dishes, Indian kebabs and curries and desserts prepared by executive chef Gaurav Anand and his kitchen team. Under the Marriott on Wheels food delivery umbrella, this extensive brunch offering is available on Saturdays and Sundays.

At The Ritz-Carlton Bangalore, the focus of the home-delivered 'Weekend Brunch' is on 'S.L.O.W.' Executive chef Sandeep Kalra is using Sustainable, Local, Organic and Wholesome ingredients for his repertoire of dishes, which include salads, dim sums, Thai curries, Indian main courses, Indonesian Nasi Goreng, Braised Ocean Salmon and desserts – all safely delivered along with non-alcoholic drinks.

Adding a focused flavour, Conrad Bengaluru plans to showcase one of their signature outlets each weekend. This weekend, chef Ameet is dishing out his Mediterranean favourites from Tiamo with the 'Weekend Binge' menu. Get ready to savour Lamb Kibbeh, Gambas al Ajilio, Cioppino, Greek Pizza and Orange Cheesecake, all in the comfort of your home.

Hotel manager Sushma Khichar and the culinary brigade at Aloft Bengaluru Cessna Business Park have aptly titled their weekend offering as 'But First, Brunch'. Here you get 21 items on a weekly-changing menu of Indian, Asian and Continental dishes which can be ordered until Sunday morning via a link shared by the hotel. The packaging material for the food is in bio-degradable containers and the brunch is delivered by a member of the hotel team in PPE and a sanitised hotel car.

'The Grand Gardenia Brunch' from ITC Gardenia is home delivered with a kebab platter, sushi, pizza, main course, biryani and desserts. To be specific, there is Paneer Tikka, Galouti Kebab, Dynamite Urumaki, Murgh Tikka Masala, Gosht Dum Biryani, Angoori Rasmalai, Chocolate Truffle Pastry. This takeaway brunch, prepared under the watchful eyes of executive chef Uchit Vohra, can be availed all through the week.

Meanwhile, executive chef Daniel Koshy at the JW Marriott Hotel Bengaluru wants you to enjoy a 'Happiness Brunch' from Merak. On offer is Kra Pao Chicken Spring Rolls, Kung Pao Cottage Cheese, Burnt Ginger and Capsicum Noodles and Chocolate Spring Rolls.

Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Hotel's 'larger than life' all-day weekend brunch by executive chef Nitesh Singh will give new meaning to post-brunch naps. There is Tandoori Kukkad, Murgh Makhani Khatta Pyaz, Paneer Papad Ki Subzi, Thai Curry, Cheese Cake, Kesar Phirni and more.

Brunches need to be pre-ordered and are available for delivery between 11 am and 4 pm, with a few available all-day and some all-week. Prices start upwards of ₹1,750 ++ for two. The food is transported by the hotel or delivery apps with free-delivery within a minimum radius of the hotel. Bon appétit!

(The author is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover and travel enthusiast)

Express Features

Happy hours extend all the way into the weekend with city breweries celebrating International Beer Day with special offers and brews

This time last year, breweries would be overflowing with tipplers. While residents of Pub City Bengaluru don't need a special reason to indulge in a beer or two, the exclusive offers and brews served for International Beer Day (Aug. 7) only added more punch to the affair. Even as they wait for the government to allow the serving of alcohol again, breweries are choosing to remain in high spirits by extending the celebrations well into the weekend, where customers can swing by for takeaways with discounts, new creations and more.

For instance, Uru Brewpark on Bannerghatta Main Road has come up with two limited editions – a pineapple saison and a coconut milk stout – at ₹199 per litre, which will be available till Aug. 9. Brewmaster Surajkumar Shedbale says both the saison and stout lend themselves well to fruit infusions. The addition of coconut in the stout beer was inspired by South Indian cuisine. And while the lockdown did no favours for business, it did, however, help the beers mature more. "They unexpectedly got more time to mature so now they are extra smooth and creamy," he says.

Windmills Craftworks at Whitefield, on the other hand, has brought down the price of their seven beers on tap from ₹650 a litre to ₹450 a litre for the weekend. The branch at the airport has an addition 1+1 offer as well. Ajay Nagarajan, the CEO of Total Environment Hospitality, says, "We have seven fresh brews on offer – Hefeweizen, Golden Ale, IPA, Mango IPA, Porter, ESB and Weizenbock."

If it weren't for the lockdown, XOOX Brewmill would have had on offer a special mango cider. "But since we couldn't serve that then, we decided to brew it as a special for International Beer Day. So despite the chill in the air, people can enjoy the last remaining flavour of summer," says D. Rekhansh Karamchandani, the founder and MD. Till Aug. 15, the Koramangala-based brewery is offering 3+1 and 5+2 offers on their Belgian Wit, Hefeweizen, Apple Cider, White IPA, Smoked Amper Ale, Citrus IPA, Japanese Dry Blonde Ale and Mango Cider.

CITY READ

ISKCON to have digital Janmashtami celebrations

ISKCON-Bangalore will be celebrating Krishna Janmashtami 2020 virtually on August 11 and 12 with a series of activities. The digital celebration is titled 'Swagatam Krishna' and will be a 40-hour event webcast on ISKCON-Bangalore's YouTube channel, Instagram, and Facebook. The programme will begin with the live webcast of the Nauka Vihar (boat festival or theppotsava) at 6.30am, followed by a Grand Abhishekam at 7.45am.

SOULFUL

Only in leisure can the mind learn

Relationship is life; without some kind of relationship one cannot exist. The hermit, the monk, however they may withdraw from the world, carry the world with them. They may deny it; they may suppress it, they may torture themselves, but they still remain in some kind of relation with the world, for they are the result of thousands of years of tradition, superstition and all the knowledge that man has gathered through millennia. So there is no escape from it all.

There is a relationship between the educator and the student. Does the teacher maintain, whether knowingly or unknowingly, a sense of superiority, always standing on a pedestal, making the student feel inferior, the one who has to be taught? Obviously in this there is no relationship. From this arises fear on the part of the student, a sense of pressure and strain, and therefore the student learns, from his youth, about this quality of superiority. He is made to feel belittled, and so throughout life he either becomes the aggressor or is continuously yielding and subservient.

A school is a place of leisure, where the educator and the one to be educated are both learning. This is the central fact of the school-to learn. We do not mean by leisure having time to oneself, though that is also necessary. It does not mean taking a book and sitting under a tree or in your bedroom, reading casually. It does not mean having a placid state of mind, and it certainly does not mean being idle or using time for daydreaming. Leisure means having a mind that is not constantly occupied with something, with a problem, with some enjoyment, with some sensory pleasure. Leisure implies that a mind has infinite time to observe what is happening around oneself and within oneself, to listen, to see clearly. Leisure implies freedom, which is generally translated as doing as one desires, which is what human beings are doing anyway, causing a great deal of mischief, misery and confusion. Leisure is having a quiet mind, with no motive and so no direction. It is only in this state of leisure that the mind can learn, not only science, history, mathematics but also about oneself. And one can learn about oneself in relationship.

Can all this be taught in our schools, or is it something you read about and either memorize or forget? When the teacher and the taught are involved in really understanding the extraordinary importance of relationship, then they are establishing in the school a right relationship among themselves. This is part of education, greater than merely teaching academic subjects.

Relationship requires a great deal of intelligence. It cannot be bought in a book or be taught. It is not the accumulated result of great experience. Knowledge is not intelligence. Knowledge can be clever, bright and utilitarian, but that is not intelligence. Intelligence can use knowledge. Intelligence comes naturally and easily when the whole nature and structure of relationship is seen. That is why it is important to have leisure so that the man or the woman, the teacher or the student can quietly and seriously talk over their relationship, so that their actual reactions, susceptibilities, and barriers are seen, not imagined, not twisted to please each other or suppressed in order to placate the other.

Surely this is the function of a school: to help the student to awaken his intelligence and to learn the great importance of right relationship.

— Jiddu Krishnamurti

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'ONE HISTORICAL PROJECT TAKES AS MUCH EFFORT AS 6 COMMERCIAL FILMS'

... Says Darshan, whose film *Kurukshetra* clocks one year, as he looks forward to playing the role of Madakari Nayaka

A Sharadhaa

Darshan's 50th landmark film, *Kurukshetra,* clocks one year on Aug. 9, and fans of the Challenging Star have already started the anniversary celebrations by sharing posts and pictures of the actor from the mythological drama. The magnum opus, directed by Naganna, which consisted of an ensemble cast, starred Darshan in the role of Duryodhana, one of the most intriguing characters in the Mahabharata. The film was released in all the four south Indian languages. And at any given point, Darshan first credits the producer. "If not for producer Munirathna, this project wouldn't have taken place. So he remains the real hero of *Kurukshetra.* The credit goes to all producers, who go all out to undertake such projects," he says.

Darshan is an actor who enjoys a commercial star status in the Kannada film industry, and is equally in demand for playing historical and mythological characters. After portraying the role of the legendary warrior in Sangolli Rayanna, which was released in 2012, he is now looking forward to playing the role of *Madakari Nayaka.* The film, directed by Rajendra Singh Babu and made under the banner of Rockline Productions, is currently in the making, and the team is waiting for the pandemic situation to subside to resume shooting. Meanwhile, Tharun Kishore Sudhir is currently scripting a historical subject for Darshan, which will be produced by S Umapathy. This is the trio's second collaboration after *Roberrt.*

"I will be part of historical and mythological subjects as long as we have enthusiastic producers and directors, who have the penchant of bringing history on screen," Darshan tells *CE.* Playing such roles is not an ordinary job, he says, pointing out that the effort that goes into one historical project is equal to making six commercial films. "There is a lot of homework that goes in each time I take up the responsibility of playing a historical or mythological role. My first point of reference has been watching works of legendary actors like Rajkumar and other senior artistes, who have pulled off such brilliant roles. I read about the character, follow it up with some mirror exercise, and sketch the role and style that suits me. There is a lot of homework that goes into such projects," he explains, stressing that watching a film based on history and mythology is different from reading about it. " I want to take the example of my own son, and children of that age. They can understand history better when it is represented through characters. These are subjects that cannot be analysed and put up in two lines on social media. But there is a lot of depth in the past, and we hope to justify it with the cinematic presence. Such films will be of use for the next generation," he says.

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> **Darshan**, actor

Rakshit Shetty and his team of writers embark on a script-writing exercise

The actor-director and producer is looking to establish his production house, Paramvah Studios, for OTT platform

CE Features

Rakshit Shetty is a filmmaker who always wants to stay updated with the current entertainment scenario. The actor-director and producer, who has understood the power of OTT platforms, is currently working at establishing his production house, Paramavah Studios for the digital world. Rakshit had earlier shared these thoughts on the social media on July 23, on the occasion of his completion of 10 years in the film industry, mentioning that he had taken a break from the Punyakoti (PK) script and has started writing something new and smaller.

That work is going on in full force now. Rakshit and eight other writers have begun the writing exercise and will soon be coming up with a script each, for which the team has been given a month's time. "I don't want writers to compromise. We will only take the projects on floors once the scripts are ready, and only if we can finish the film in a month's time," says Rakshit, adding, "Till now, the writers were writing one story as a team. However, I wanted them to come up with their own scripts, which should be a simple one. Out of that, we will be selecting the best three scripts, which we plan to bring out from our production house."

Rakshit has chalked options on how to go about shooting his commercial films and simultaneously taking forward the three projects. "The situation we are in at present does not allow me to shoot the remaining portions of *777 Charlie* or take up Hemanth M Rao's *Sapta Sagaradaache Yello*, as this film needs us to head to outdoor locations, and requires a huge crowd on the sets. Though my focus has been on these projects, it is something not possible for us to roll now. Meanwhile, if this kind of situation continues for the next two months, I will go ahead and shoot all these three smaller projects, and plan how to shoot in a controlled environment, where the whole team can get locked inside and the film can be shot at one go," he says.

Meanwhile, Rakshit is upbeat about the OTT market. "OTT caters not just to the Kannada audience, since people from other states can also watch the film for its content. Secondly, when we make commercial films, we have to keep certain things in mind, but for OTT, we can shoot the film on a small budget and make it look good. Moreover, it is a platform for writers to experiment," he explains.

Talking about his own script, which he is currently penning, Rakshit says it is going to be a unique film, which is something he wanted to do during his short film days. "But then I felt it was too experimental to take such a film to theatres. Lockdown has certainly prompted me to experiment, by not keeping commercial aspects in mind, and pouring my heart out to do what I want to," he says.

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A teenage dance drama with a twist

Navein Darshan

Almost every dance film out there urges you to "dance like your life depended on it". The dance crew at the heart of the film usually takes this advice very seriously and dances like there's no tomorrow. It's part of what makes these films tick. In *Work It* though, the mantra seems to have been, "Dance like nobody's watching." The characters are delightfully clumsy, and dance to have fun, not so much as a means to please you, and this vibe is highly infectious.

Quinn Acker (Sabrina Carpenter) is a Ted Talk-listening, high school nerd who most top universities would love to have. But her favourite university finds her to be pretty ordinary and lacking the special skills 'that should drive one out of bed.' She is forced to lie about being a part of her school dance team. Quinn then is left with the unenviable task of putting together a dance team from scratch within two months. Her journey to accomplish this herculean task with the aid of her best friend Jasmine Hale (Liza Koshy) results in a highly funny, partly moving ride.

Unlike in your typical high-school dance film, 'dance' isn't the strongest aspect of *Work It.* Even the final face-off feels more like a Zumba class. But the stellar cast covers all these flaws with contagious cheeriness. When Jasmine tries explaining 'flossing' to Quinn, she assumes it must be something pertaining to oral hygiene. Asked about her style of dance, she dubs herself the 'Illuminator', given that she has only handled the lighting system for performances previously. Such light-hearted mirth results in a movie that works than you expect it would.

Despite sticking to the age-old formula of 'an underdog team's struggle to glory', the film is self-aware enough to take a dig at itself every now and then. I particularly enjoyed the recruitment sequence akin to Shaolin Soccer, where Quinn and Jasmine pick random people for their odd skills.

Setting the mood right in the first act is essential for any film to establish a connection with its audience. Work It does this like a charm, and we realise what we have signed up for right from the beginning. Despite its inherent predictability, the story flows seamlessly, the dialogues are riotous and the music is great too. Make no mistake, *Work It* could be the sort of films to go on to attain cult popularity.

Director: Laura Terruso
Cast: Sabrina Carpenter, Liza Koshy, Keiynan Lonsdale, Michelle Buteau and Jordan Fisher
Streaming On: Netflix

Adil Hussain shoulders a well-intentioned, passable social drama

Avinash Ramachandran

At one point in cycle rickshaw driver Buchchi Paswan (Adil Hussain) is told that his dreams of getting his son to study in an elite school is like one of the 'haseen sapne of Mungerlilal'. Mungerilal, of course, is a character from one of director Prakash Jha's earlier films who fulfilled his deepest desires through daydreams. However, Buchchi isn't one to be satisfied with just dreaming. He wants to make it a reality, even if it will cost him everything.

Pareeksha begins with Buchchi taking a bunch of school children to the elite (read CBSE) Sapphire School in Ranchi. His son, Bulbul, is an exemplary student but is stuck in the local government school where it's a rarity to even spot teachers. So Buchchi uses hook and unfortunately, crook too to gain his son admission. But this isn't a film about how Bulbul fights obstacles and succeeds in the pareeksha of his life. This is a story about Buchchi and how his life spirals out of control, when he realises he's unable to manage the burden of expensive education. We never get to see how Bulbul (Shubham Jha, whose performance grows on you), who doesn't quite understand basic English, fits into the world of the 'English speaking-sophisticated' Sapphire students.

While this lack of emphasis on Bulbul's life may have come across as a bigger problem, the earnestness of Buchchi and Priyanka (Priyanka Bose) keeps afloat a narrative riddled with cliches. Though Prakash Jha trains all the spotlight on Buchchi, Priyanka is solid as the silent, comforting mother. Her silences are as effective as the sharpness of her meltdowns. But the film is mostly about Buchchi and it is through him that the director delivers a scathing commentary on the education system in India, including the not-so-subtle casteism, and the growing chasm between the haves and the have-nots. Just like every Prakash Jha film, the intent is on point, but in this film, the narrative does feel a tad outdated. For instance, the Sanjay Suri cameo simply exists to serve as a cursory reminder that there are good cops too. Although inspired by a real-life police officer, Sanjay's role as a khaki-clad version of Super 30's Anand Kumar, does little to the overall narrative of *Pareeksha.*

Despite the proceedings feeling rather dated, the effective performances and honesty in the writing keep us invested. Take the scene where a rich man isn't pleased with the rickshawallah's son going in the same vehicle as his child. We are primed for something heroic to come from the dad in front of his son, who is being humiliated before his classmates. But all Buchchi does is apologise. This lack of response is not only stinging but also reflective of the kind of oppression people like Buchchi are used to. But before we write Buchchi off as a father who can't really stand up for his son, we must remember that he gets a cycle for Bulbul. He is a practical man, and this characteristic is maintained till the end where he gets shown as someone who is always aware of the bigger picture, even if it costs him the smaller joys.

Just like Buchchi, the film too concentrates more on the bigger picture, on conveying the angst against uneven educational opportunities in our society, and much like him, the film too forgets the important smaller details that would have made this story more personal. But it's still tolerable—in a sense, like marks awarded to students for getting the steps right even if the answer itself isn't on point.

Director: Prakash Jha
Cast: Adil Hussain, Priyanka Bose, Shubham Jha, Sanjay Suri
Streaming on: Zee5